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## PROVING PREMIER RIGHT

Some rather cheap politicians in Britain have been berating Premier Chamberlain because he has refused to declare war upon the nations responsible for the firing upon ships flying the British flag. These politicians cry that Britain is disgraced and that the British flag no longer protects British ships. At first this political trickery made considerable popular appeal. The average Britisher likes to believe that the British flag protects its subjects and their property on sea as on land. To think that British ships could be attacked and sunk in the Mediterranean Sea and nothing be done about it shocked most British people. Premier Chamberlain, however, explained the situation in very complete way, and British newspapers, irrespective of politics, added to the public information. In the first place it was made very plain that the British navy can—and will—protect all British ships on the high seas. It was pointed out by the British premier, however, that all British ships had been given the fullest warning that they carried contraband cargoes into the Spanish war zone at their own peril. Traffic in contraband to Spain was very profitable, and for this reason many ships were engaged in this trade to win the big profits. If they were willing to take such risks in illicit traffic, it must be at their own peril. To protect British ships engaged in what was considered by another country as illegal trade could not be fairly asked. It would be on a par with expecting the British navy to convoy ships carrying rum to a prohibition state. Premier Chamberlain made it definite and final that he did not intend to take the risk of a costly war and the danger of plunging the whole world into another disastrous conflict, simply to protect the profits of a few venturesome ship owners.

Some of the London, England, newspapers were not content with stating the case as given by the premier. They did some investigating on their own account, and the results showed the wisdom of the British Government in the matter. One British newspaper exposed the case of one ship owner—a poorly paid clerk in a financial house a few years ago—who had made \$5,000,000 in three years from the illicit traffic in Spanish waters. When one of his ships was shot down in the Mediterranean territorial waters, there was a great outcry. A statement of the facts showed how unfair was the complaint about lack of naval protection. This ship owner had made several fortunes out of his traffic with Spain. It is to be presumed that the immense profits were given for the risks taken. Yet not only did this man ask removal of the risks with the profit remaining, but there were others not concerned in the case who seemed to uphold this unfair proposal. In a recent editorial The Advance made extended reference to this case, showing that Premier Chamberlain was fully justified from every angle in refusing to risk another world war to guarantee this man's exorbitant profits.

Another British newspaper recently uncovered another case to show how utterly ridiculous it would be to attempt to protect illegal traffic by a certain class of ships flying the British flag in Spanish waters. Both Lloyd George and Winston Churchill joined the outcry at the sinking of the "Thorpehall" in Spanish waters. Here was a ship flying the British flag, and that flag proved no protection for it. The British newspaper referred to put a different complexion on the matter. It was discovered that the Thorpehall was owned by the Westcliffe Shipping Company, and that the company was capitalized for a thousand pounds in shares of one pound each. The ship had a Greek captain and a cosmopolitan crew—an international crew, with Britishers but poorly represented. And of the thousand shares of one pound each, the Greek captain owned 499 shares, a Greek director owned another 499 shares, and the one British director of the company had only two shares. In other words, in this case there was only the equivalent of ten dollars in British money for the British navy to protect and an equally small proportion of British lives. The average man will surely feel that Britain is well advised to avoid war over ten dollars of British capital. Still more should the Empire refuse to start a world conflict to protect a trade that is already well paid for the risk that is in it.

## THE BUILDING BY-LAW

Ordinary owners of buildings in Timmins who have been put to serious trouble and expense to comply with the town building by-law may see something to make them "good and mad" if they will step down the lane running between Pine and Spruce streets and note the recent frame addition to the rear of the A. & P. building. People owning frame buildings in the fire limit zones who wished to add some small addition to their buildings have been forced to build the new section of fire-resist-

ing material, though a small brick or tile addition to a frame building might look foolish as well as being unduly costly. That seemed to be the law, however, and people had to endure it. The idea would not be endurable, however, if it were generally believed that it did not apply to all, and that consequently it was not for the general protection. Some years ago there was a flagrant disregard of the building by-law, and investigation brought the responsibility for this to the door of Mayor Bartleman. The mayor must take the responsibility for the form of the recent addition to the A. & P. store as he is the owner of the building. One thing that makes the construction loom up as hardly in line with the building by-law is the fact that alongside of it may be seen an exactly similar addition to the old portion of the Dr. McInnis building. When the new McInnis building was being erected, the old portion was moved back on the lot and a small porch and balcony addition built against it. This small addition to the Dr. McInnis building is built of tile approved under the by-law. The addition to the A. & P. is just frame structure. Why the difference? Dr. McInnis is a former mayor of Timmins. The owner of the A. & P. building is the present mayor. Has the building by-law different provisions for mayors and ex-mayors? If so, it is high time that the by-law was revised.

At the present time Mayor Bartleman and Councillor Wren are carrying on an apparent form of warfare—calling each other dictators and other names. Some people are inclined to think that the quarrel is more apparent than real—that it is a form of shadow boxing—and that when a real issue develops they will both have their money on the same horse. This may be an injustice to Councillor Wren. If so, he has the chance of his life to prove it now. If he wishes to confound Mayor Bartleman by showing that he (Councillor Wren) has the true interests of the public at heart, he can prove the fact by having a full investigation of the way the building by-law applies to mayors and ex-mayors, mayors and their friends, and mayors and those who do not like them. Councillor Wren could easily show that town officials are not to blame for these irregularities in the enforcement of building by-laws and other by-laws. He might, indeed, be able to prove who really deserves the name of dictator—and why. And after investigation of the building by-law, there would still be room for investigation to see whether municipal laws apply with the same force to mayors and ex-mayors, their friends and their enemies, in such matters as the assessment of land and property and the taxation of signs and coal chutes.

## CONFUSING THE ISSUE

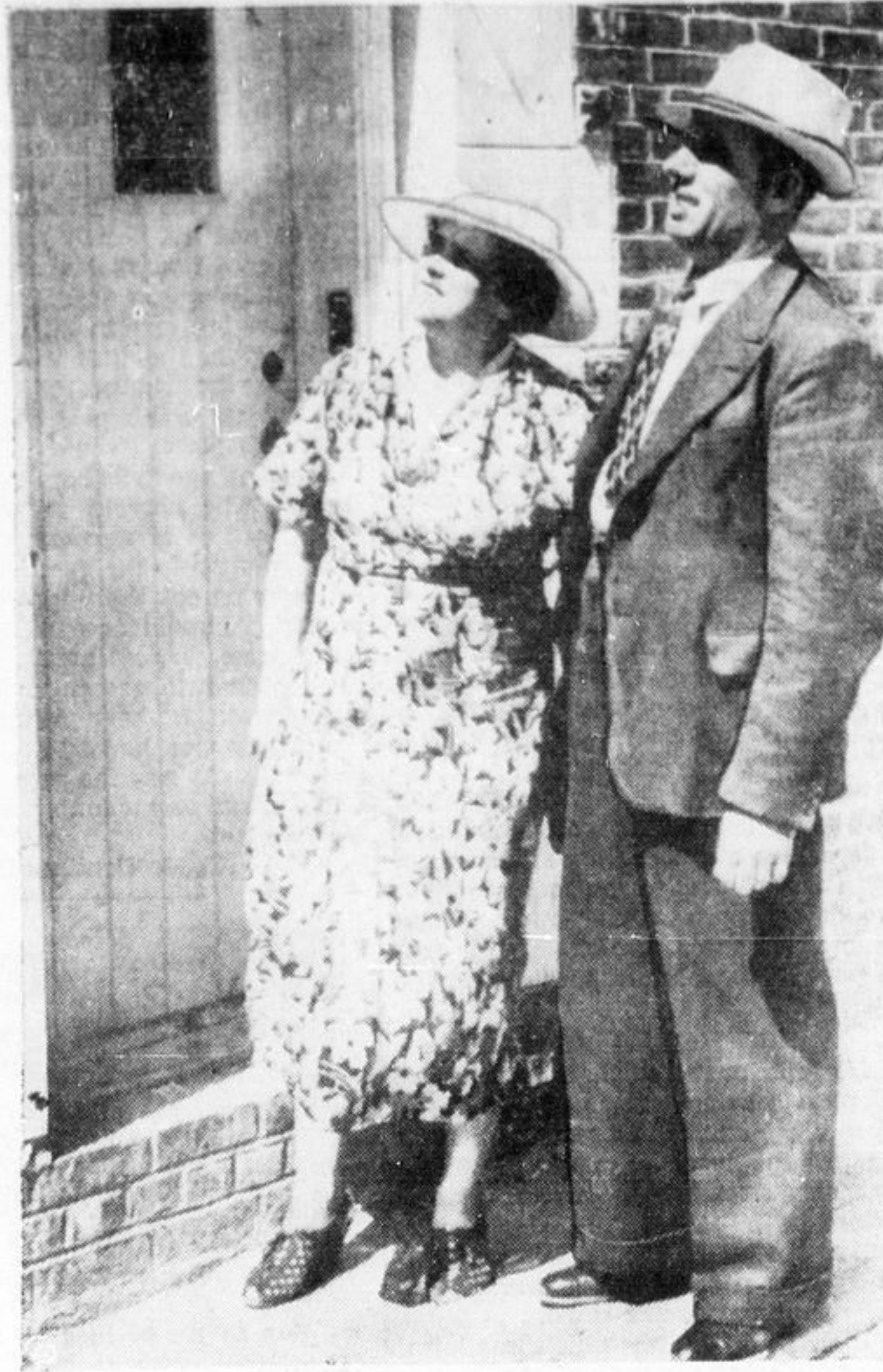
Elsewhere in this issue will be found a reference to the belief of Reeve Carter of Teck Township that Mayor Bartleman is trying to use the alliance of the mining municipalities of the North for political purposes of his own. Reeve Carter has made it plain that Teck Township does not intend to lend itself to any such political chicanery, and that further evidence of this tendency will be followed by the retirement of Teck Township from the association of Northern municipalities. There is no doubt that Whitney and Tisdale Townships are equally averse to being made political tools for any selfish purpose, so it may be taken for granted that Timmins will be left alone unless there is decided change in the attitude of the mayor of this municipality. Frankly, The Advance doubts very much if Mayor Bartleman by virtue of his temperament is able to change his attitude in such matters. Fortunately, the other members of the Timmins council show a much better spirit. They are able to treat with the representatives of other municipalities in friendly and courteous way to the advantage of all concerned. It would be a pity, indeed, if the Northern Mining Municipalities can not continue their association as it promises a very general advantage, if patience and persistence are exercised.

The Northern Mining Municipalities Association has been working on the plan that a greater portion of the present taxation of mines should be given the municipalities. Dominion, provincial and municipal governments are agreed that the taxation of mining is already high enough for the best interests of the industry and the country. Progress has been made in convincing all concerned that a greater share of the taxation should go to the municipalities. Following along this line, there is reason to believe that the municipalities, by reason and fairness, will win this success, to the advantage of all concerned. Cheap appeals to class prejudice, political trickery and propaganda, and similar selfish and false tactics only confuse the issue. It is to be hoped that the Northern Mining Municipalities will refuse to be sidetracked from their purpose by any side issues, but will carry on their good work to ultimate success.

## GRAVEL AND SAND—AND PLACER

Due to articles written by A. Lorne MacIntyre, a member of the staff of The Globe and Mail, the oppression of the poor by loan sharks in Ontario was exposed, and legislation resulted to curb this cruel racket. At present Mr. MacIntyre is writing a series of articles on the fake advertising and other rackets that steal hundreds of thousands of dollars from business men in the province each year. It would be a great feather in the cap of The Globe and Mail if the present exposure of rackets resulted in some remedy to protect the business men from the racketeers.

## STORK DERBY WINNERS SEE NEW YORK



Visiting New York for the first time, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Timleck, of Toronto, winners of \$125,000 in the Charles Vance Millar "stork derby," are shown as they inspected a housing project at Jackson Heights near the scene of the 1939 World's Fair.

## Interesting Cases at Kapuskasing Court

### Reckless Driving Charges Remanded, Forgery and Theft Cases.

Kapuskasing, July 16.—Hearing of the charges of drunken and reckless driving against James K. Goodfellow was laid over at Kapuskasing Wednesday for a week, to enable the injured parties, now patients in Sensenbrenner Hospital, Kapuskasing, time to recover and be present in court.

The charges arose out of a crash in which Goodfellow, driving with his wife, crashed into the rear of a stationary car, occupied by a man and family who had stopped to light a cigarette. Mrs. Goodfellow sustained a broken leg, while the lady occupant of the other car received a broken hip and other passengers were bruised and badly cut.

### Permit Suspended

Louis Robichaud faced a reckless driving charge and being convicted, paid a fine of \$25 plus costs, while his permit was suspended for three months. Driving on the wrong side of the road, Robichaud came into a head-on collision with a car driven by Bert Laundry, the car being damaged to an extent of \$300.

Convicted on charges of forgery Charles H. Hughes, signwriter, was at Kapuskasing police court, Wednesday, remanded for sentence for one week to allow a check up on his previous record being received from Ottawa.

The accused man forged the name of Eli Shamass, a local storekeeper to two cheques for amounts of \$20 and \$4.50. In defence the accused man stated he must have been drunk and was not aware of what he was doing but the evidence of the cheques showed perfect penmanship and led to conviction.

### Chum Missing

Rosaire Bourassa seems quite at home in jail since he only completed a 30-day stretch on a theft charge given on June 8, to be rearrested July 9, but during his one day freedom he got drunk and caused the Kapuskasing police considerable worry and trouble.

When arrested he told police of having been swimming with a chum, who disappeared and as a result of the information the Kapuskasing River was dragged four hours last Saturday night and Sunday morning by police and a party of men. No trace was found of the alleged chum of Bourassa, nor could the police find his clothes. It was surmised that if the man had been swimming he had come out of the river and dressed before disappearing from

Elsewhere in this issue will be found an article wherein a transient suggests that officers on the Canadian National Railways and the Canadian Pacific Railway are stern in their efforts to prevent transients from stealing rides on their railways, but that the T. & N. O. is more gentle and kindly in the matter. There is a hint for the T. & N. O. in this article. It would be to the advantage of transients and the North alike if the transients were prevented from coming north. With literally thousands of men out of work in the Northern centres there is no sense in transients coming North if they are really looking for work. If they are only anxious for travel, it is not fair to pile them all into the North.

Not long ago Toronto newspapers were running pages upon pages about the Charles Vance Millar Stork Derby will. Now the Toronto journals are having an equally joyous time with equal pages upon pages of the will of Mrs. Horlick Sidley and her Malted Milk millions.

After all, there seems to be some measure of natural justice in the idea that the Malted Milk millions should go to the Bulls.

The penalty for this offence is a fine of \$50 or six months' imprisonment or both. The Senate reduced the penalty from two years to six months.

### Stealing From Orchard

Stealing of plants or from orchard. There is a \$50 fine or six months' imprisonment or both, penalty set for this offence, which has to do with stealing of apples particularly. The Upper House also cut down the penalty from two years to six months.

Theft of automobiles. The new penalty is not less than one year's imprisonment.

Section 20 deals with fraudulent use of naturalization certificates.

Section 22 deals with holder of a lease of gold or silver mine defrauding owner.

Other sections deal with the following:

Unlawful sale or purchase of rock, ore, quartz, containing gold or silver.

Unlawful possession of rock, ore, or quartz containing gold or silver.

Using trade marks or trafficking in bottles.

Fraudulently burning any chattel over \$25 in value.

### Five-Year Penalty

Attempt to commit arson.

Setting fire to crop or tree, lumber, timber. There is a five-year penalty for this offence.

Threats to burn.

Ill-treating animals.

Defacing current coin.

Picton Gazette:—Down in Welland, so the story goes, the W.C.T.U. was holding a convention. Everything was turned on. The special song leader announced "No. 7 on the song sheet." Imagine the feeling of the ladies when they found No. 7 to be "There Is a Tavern in the Town."



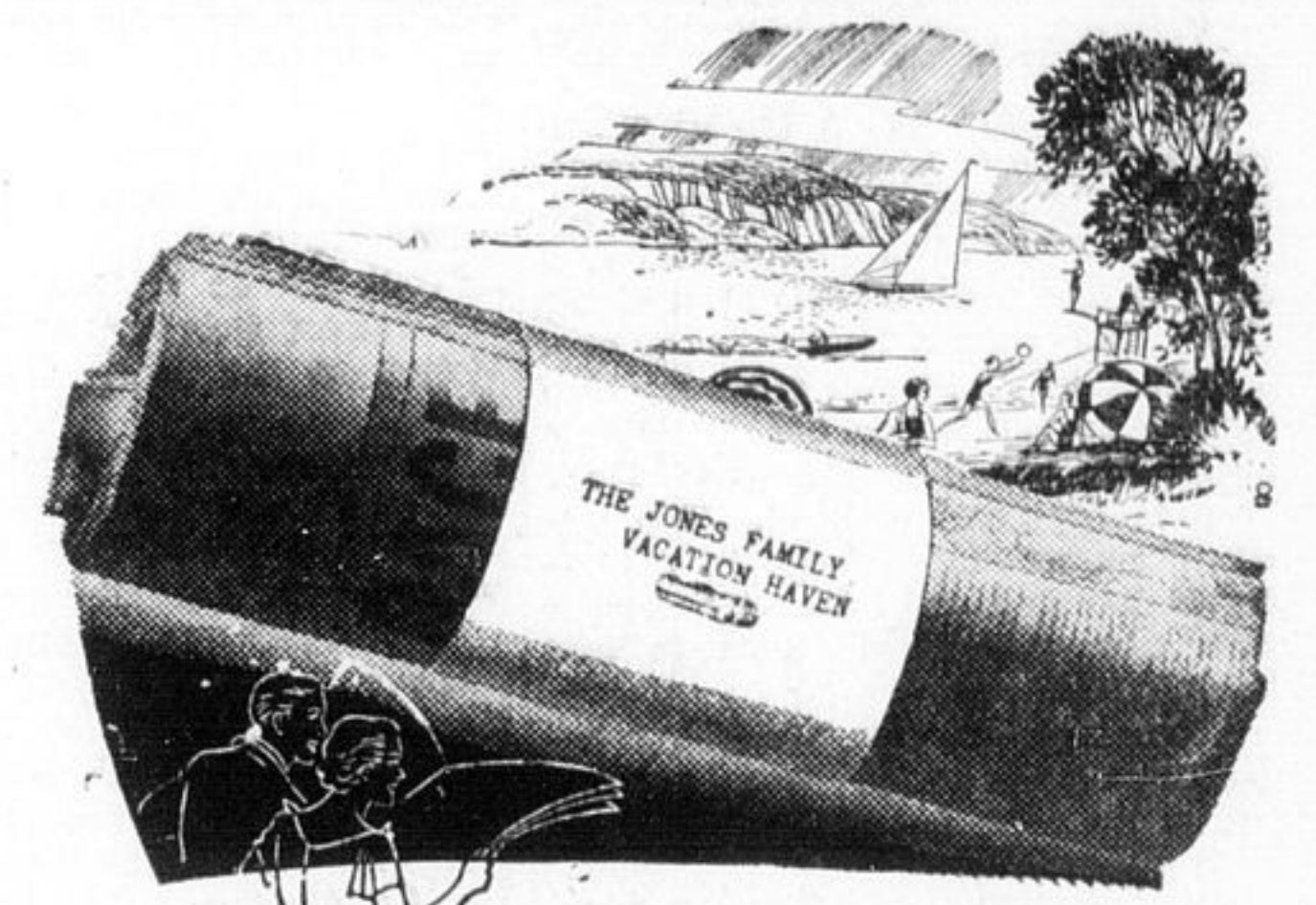
## "I Never Knew.."

"What good vision could mean. Apparently I always had defective eyes but I wasn't aware of it because I didn't know how clearly a person should see. While walking with a friend I first suspected that my eyes weren't normal. She could distinguish distant objects that were just a blur to me. I wish now I had gone to Mr. Curtis for examination years ago. With my new glasses I can see clearly things that were beyond my range of vision before. It's really wonderful. The cost of them seemed like nothing at all when spread over a couple of months."

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Someone should run for mayor of Timmins in the coming election on the platform of equalization of assessment as between mayors and ex-mayors.

It is said now that one purpose of Howard Hughes' flight around the world was to advertise the World's Fair at New York. So far, however, the chief beneficiary of the advertising in the matter seems to be Howard Hughes.

Better than taxing signs or coal chutes would be to place an impost on frame additions to buildings in the main fire zone.

There is no justice in this world. A local man has figured out that it rains regularly every Wednesday afternoon and each week-end this summer in this North.

Retribution! There has been a practice in this town of deferring oiling early in the year, and leaving the laying of the dust on the streets to the mercy of the rains. The heavy rains last week washed all the oil away from one street being treated.

## Rioting, Blasphemy and Other Charges at Rouyn

Rouyn, July 16.—The seven Arntfield men, Dick Miller, Pete McKay, William Coady, Alex Glass, Dick Martin, Thomas White and John Cameron, involved in charges of riotous assembly and causing damage to property, last April 8, appeared in court here on Wednesday and have been remanded until Tuesday, July 26. Some of their number also face charges of receiving stolen goods.

Angus McDonald, of New Liskeard, and Robert Cameron, representatives of "Watch Tower Bible and Tract Society" and "International Bible Students' Association," who had allegedly been distributing pamphlets and playing gramophone records of a libelous and blasphemous nature, in and about this town, are out on \$500 bail each, since last Wednesday. Bail had previously been set at \$2000 each. The arrest was made by Provincials on Sunday, July 3.

A sitting of the magistrate's court opened in Amos on Monday last and some 85 cases are on the roll.

Port William Times:—If you argue with a fool, be sure that he isn't similarly employed.