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#### A LESSON FROM SWEDEN

Even those who are not favourably disposed to the Ontario government will gladly give credit to the Dept. of Highways for a very earnest and sincere effort to reduce the tragic traffic toll of death and injury in this province. Apart from the illegible auto markers for 1938, the department seemed to be wholeheartedly seeking to reduce the death and injury from traffic accidents. In addition to a very earnest campaign of education and the most urgent pleas for co-operation to avoid accidents, the law was strengthened to discourage reckless and careless driving. There has undoubtedly been much good accomplished by the intelligent effort of the Department of Highways There is, however, some discouragement in the results, for there are still accidents that result in grievous loss. Consequently, there should be welcome for any new plan that promises to assist in reducing the accident toll. Sweden has tackled the problem with laws to punish the careless and reckless driver and also with a plan to place premium on good driving. The Swedish plan features heavy fines for careless and reckless driving, and all these fines go into a fund, which is later divided among those drivers who have driven 30,000 miles without getting a traffic ticket. The way it works out in Canada, the careful driver really has to pay for the careless and reckless driver—paying in insurance rates and other costs entailed by numerous accidents. The Swedish plan turns the tables and makes the careless driver pay the careful motorist. It would be well worth while to study the Swedish plan in actual practice and results, and if it proves to fulfil its promises as an accident reducer, it might well be added to Ontario's efforts to decrease motor car accidents and encourage careful driving.

#### \*\*\*\*\* PERSISTENCE WINS

An item in the report of the joint meeting of the Temiskaming and Cochrane Firemen gives good illustration of the way that persistence in a good cause will win results though it may take years to do it. The item might escape the notice of even those specially interested in fire fighting and fire prevention, and so is worthy of some particular attention as there is a story behind it The item simply quoted the fact that hereafter fire rangers, who have been made deputy fire marshals of Ontario, are authorized, empowered and instructed to inspect the homes of settlers in unorganized districts and make recommendations for removal and avoidance of fire risks on the premises. Previously the fire wardens were authorized to inspect the lands of settlers for fire risks, but their authority did not extend to the buildings on the land. The idea, of course, was to prevent fire risks that might result in disastrous bush fires. While fire risks in the buildings were also likely to create fire hazards for the surrounding bush, risks in the homes of the settlers menaced the lives and safety of the families living in these \*houses. Every year for many years past there have been cases where fire starting in a settler's home has resulted in death or injury to one or more members of the family. Mr. E. R. Tucker, of Cochrane, who is the chief coroner for this district, takes his duties very seriously and earnestly, and whenever there were any deaths resulting from fires at settlers' homes, he made the most careful enquiry and investigation. He was impressed with the fact that practically all these fires at the cases investigated the chief coroner found that comparative safety could have been secured by cause is needed where there is the will to war. some simple and inexpensive change. Settlers reason to believe that this will mean the saving German domination, and they will fight with the ference to the loyal way in which the whole people birth rate in Toronto has declined by 30 per cent. Try The Advance Want Advertisements

of many lives each year. It will not add any material amount to the cost of fire ranging. Even if it only assured the life of one member of a settler's family each year it would be well worth while. This year there were half a dozen lives lost in fires at settlers' cabins-fires that would not have occurred but for unnecessary risks. As soon as the Chief Coroner presented his case to the authorities, based on an actual fire with loss of precious lives near Kapuskasing. The Advance took up the question, urging the logical action suggested by Mr. Tucker. Other newspapers in the North added their influence, and the matter was also discussed at the annual meeting of the Fire Chiefs Association at Winnipeg this year. In the meantime, however, Chief Coroner Tucker continued to press on the authorities the desirability of effort to avoid these unnecessary fires at homes in isolated places -fires that by their very location and the circumstances were almost sure to result in loss of life. Perhaps, with the inspection now provided for there will still be the occasional tragic fire at the home of some settler, but there is no doubt but that many lives will be saved in the North because of the action taken in the matter by the government. In recent years there have been case after case where a settler has risen on a cold morning, filled the stove, and then retired to bed again; then an overheated pipe unprotected from nearby inflammable material has resulted in the building catching fire, while the position of doors and windows has made it impossible for the occupants to escape. The tragic story has been repeated so often that it has ceased to impress people in general as much as it should. The attitude of the chief coroner and his persistence in urging the remedy at hand is a pleasing illustration of the value of officials who give their hearts as well as their heads to the duties undertaken.

## THE WEEK AND A MOMENT

No doubt readers are more interested in the war situation in Europe than in any other matter of news, yet it is difficult to write about this, as the whole situation may be changed in an hour. Between the time that this is written and the hour of publication something may happen that may completely alter the standing of affairs, making comments of the moment meaningless or worse because they are so out-of-date. It is necessary to write—as life must be lived—from moment to moment. Accordingly if this should prove poor comment at the moment of publication, it will have to pass as the review of the history of yesterday.

At midnight last night there was promise of one week of peace, and the possibility that war might not eventuate even on October 1st. Despatches suggested that Hitler had agreed that Czechoslovakia would be given until October 1st to comply with his demands. After that date he threat ened to take steps to enforce his wishes. That concession of the German dictator might be taken as promise of peace for a short week at least Some hopeful spirits might even believe that Hiter's agreement to restrain military action for a week really meant that his idea had been a shotless conquest of the Sudeten, similar to his Austrian coup, and that after the week he might still hold off if faced with serious opposition. In other words, these optimists believe that Hitler has been bluffing and that his bluff being called he will simply bluff again and let it go at that.

Against that hopeful view is the fact that the bec, are visiting at the home of Mrs nations of the world are feverishly mobilizing in Fred Morin, 82 Birch street south. fear of a world war. Czechoslovakia has called there was the more important fact that the fire all its men to the colours, and the response has been so prompt and earnest that there seems no the home of their son and daughterdoubt but that Czechoslovakia intends to fight rather than submit. Russia has announced its determination to go to the aid of its ally even though it has to fight its way through Roumania to do so. France and Britain are making such preparations that there is no doubt as to their serious view of the situation. It appears as if the slightest spark will start another world war on a moment's notice. It is all too easy to see how that spark may be supplied. The slightest pretext will be enough excuse. Czechoslovakia's ansettlers' homes were caused by improperly placed | nouncement that it absolutely rejects the German stoves or pipes or defective chimneys. Pipes run- proposals itself would be sufficient excuse for ning without protection through flimsy partitions | Germany to claim that the week's grace was abwere a fruitful cause of fires. In practically all rogated. Memory of the lame excuse for the last world war emphasizes the thought that little real

The world's sympathy is with Czechoslovakia. did not appear to realize the dangers they were | That nation has been asked to give up a nationcreating, and there was every reason to believe | hood conferred on it by the nations of the world. that were the trouble pointed out to them they From the beginning it has been evident that Gerwould have been glad to make the necessary many was using the pretext of thought for the change to protect themselves and their families Sudeten Germans to seize the rich territory of things. from danger of fire. Not content with investiga- | Czechoslovakia. Also it has been known that tion of cases where tragedy had occurred, Chief German ambition is not confined to the Sudeten. Coroner Tucker also personally inspected the From the tone of German newspaper comment it homes of other settlers and found many of these is easy to realize that German domination of fire dangers that needed only minor changes and | Czechoslovakia would be worse than death for the little expense to assure safety. He found the Czechs. No one should blame the Czechs for presettlers very ready to make the necessary changes paring to risk their fate defending their lives and when the danger was shown to them. When the fortunes. With "Czech soldiers standing at every chief coroner called the attention of the auth- boundary stone along the whole frontier," as one orities to the matter, however, he was met with despatch phrases it,-1,500,000 loyal, trained and the reply that any form of inspection of settlers' well-equipped men under arms-the Germans homes for fire risks would entail the use of an will need to step more lively than a goose-step to army of inspectors and prohibitive expense. His conquer Czechoslovakia before Russia, France and would be well content if "Praha" has the final what happened in Germany itself, and later in answer to this was to suggest that the work of the Britain are ready with aid. With the lesson of "ha-ha" on the "ya-hoos," fire rangers be extended to include the inspection Austria and the fiendish persecution of elements of the settlers' homes as well as their lands. This in that country in mind, the Czechs are under no is what has now been decided upon. There is every misapprehension as to what they may expect under | Czechoslovakia, a commentator made special re- in The Globe and Mail says that in seven years the



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Mr. Clifford Hornby, of Rouyn, Que spending a few days in town.

Messrs, T. A. and Bob Marriott wer isitors to Kirkland Lake last week.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Kirsch, of New Liskeard, were recent visitors to Timmins

Mrs. J. McCurdy has been visiting t Barry's Bay.

Mrs. John Quinn, of Osceola, Renfrew County, was a visitor to Timmins and Kirkland Lake recently.

Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Traver, returned

home Saturday after a holiday motor trip to the South. Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Kirkpatrick, o

Toronto, spent a few days last weel the guest of friends in Timmins. Mr. and Mrs. James Meehan and

family are spending two weeks in Sud-

bury and Toronto. Mr. and Mrs. A. Groulx, 6412 Birch north, spent last week-end in Kirkland

Lake visiting relatives. Miss Marjorie Cochram, of North Bay, is visiting at the home of her

aunt, Mrs. Elston. Mr. and Mrs. Pic Holtze, accompan ied by Mrs. J. L. Holtze, left during the week-end to spend some time at London, Ontario, and other points south.

Miss Genevieve McCafferty and Mis Irene Matthews, of Buckingham, Que-

Mr. and Mrs. Rintanen, of Sudbury left on Friday after a week's visit a in-law, Mr. and Mrs. W. Rintanen.

Mrs. W. H. Phillips, W.M. of South Porcupine Eastern Star, is in Toronto this week attending Grand Chapter. She intends spending a couple of weeks visiting in Montreal and Shelburne before returning home.

Mrs. Richards, Mrs. Heath, Mrs. Phillips, Mrs. Ralph and Mrs. Sellars left by motor on Sunday for Toronto where they will attend the annual meeting of Grand Chapter, Mrs. Heath being W.M. of Timmins Lodge Eastern Star

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Traver returned to Timmins on Saturday from their honeymoon trip. They had intended a further journey to the White Mountains but ran into the storm that did so much damage to the Eastern States and so did not go further than Lake Placid. Mr. and Mrs. Traver are leaving this week to take up residence at Malartic, Quebec.

courage of desperation, preferring death to worse of Czechoslovakia were responding to every re-

To sum it up, war may come within the week, within the day, within the hour. Or there may be a peace for a week, to be followed by war. Or right kind. the week's peace may be lengthened by the courage of the nations in defying the aggressive dic-

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Queen's University, Kingston. Miss Mary Morin left on Sunday for

Marcell Everard left on Sunday for

St. Joseph's College, Toronto. Mr. George Baby returned to Sudbur

FOR RENT

47 Wilson Ave.

on Friday. Miss Lorna Monck left on Sunday for

Kingston, where she will enroll a Queen's University.

Miss Patricia Carson left on Sunday to become a student at Toronto Uni-

Miss Ellen Harkness left on Sunday for Toronto, where she will resume he

studies at Varsity.

Miss Catherine Kelly left on Sunday to resume her studies at Varsity, To-

Tommy Stonehouse and Ward Alle left on Sunday for Kingston, where they will enroll at Queen's University.

Mr. R. Jones of Toronto, is visiting his daughter, Mrs. S. C. Wheeler, o.

Miss Mary Everard left on Sunday for Kingston, to take up her studie at Queen's University.

Chief of Police Leo H. Gagnon leaves on Tuesday afternoon for Toronto where he will attend the annual meeting of the Ontario Police Association on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

Mrs. John Dickson, of Mount Vernon New York, U.S.A., came here last weel to visit her brother, Mr. Richard Mullen, 115 Maple street, south, renewing acquaintance after thirty-five years. With Mrs. Dickson came her two daughters and their husbands, Mr. Mrs. Wm. Morrison and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Neller, also of New York. latter couple were spending part of their honeymoon in Northern Ontario, having been married on Sept. 16th. The visitors all greatly enjoyed their visit to Timmins and the mines, and were pleasingly surprised to see such thriving town so far north. They left on Saturday on their return to the

### Honoured by Friends on Occasion of Birthday

Mrs. Dorothy Bennett was honoured on Friday evening, when a number of her friends gathered at the home of Mrs. Jelbert, 35 Mesines avenue, to hold a surprise birthday party. During the evening the guests took part in a singsong, and happy social evening as well as playing whist. The winners at whist were: 1st, Mrs. Bert Richards; 2nd, Mrs. E. Briggs, and 3rd, a tie, Mrs. McMillan winning from Mrs. Jack Newell on a cut. Later in the evening a dainty lunch was served by the hostes., of-honour many more happy birthdays. and her many friends wished the guest-Those present were:-Mrs. Hardy Mrs. Wilkinson, Mrs. Richards, Mrs.

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# Metropolitan Store To Open Thursday

(Contnued from Page One) months ago. Mr. Nolan has had wide experience in the operation of department stores and has been with the company for the past nine years. He was previously located at Yorkton, Saskatoon, Fort William, Winnipeg and

Numerous lines of goods are carried by Metropolitan Stores, the set-up in- 1 -75-76. cluding departments for clothing and dry goods for men, women and children, millinery, optical goods, stationery notions, hardware, luggage, toilet goods jewellery, electric appliances, pet foods, crockery and china, kitchen ware, toys, pictures, novelties, souvenirs, candy and

many other lines.

A staff of approximately sixty-five girls will be employed for the grand opening which will decrease to a regular payroll of about thirty-five. The following is a partial list of the names of the staff, who will great the public Thursday morning:-Marie Lirette, Iona Joanisse, Elizabeth Innes, Ethel Lockett, Joan Heibert, Yvonne Savard, Helen Sullivan, Jeannette Plouffe, Kay Antaya, Mary Davis, Dorothy Grieves, Kay Sinclair, Dorothy Hagarty, Gay Langlois, Mae Congiano, Lucienne Landriault, Cecile Paradis, Marie Audet Germaine Mallette, Jeannette Cousineau, Lucy Del Guidice, Annette Potvin, Olive Meakins, Grace Larocque, Kathleen Lindsay, Margaret Roberts, Fernande Poisson, Doris Turcotte, Mary Cahill, Jean Buisson, Marguerite Bon homme, Pauline Bellamy, Marie Charbonneau, Margaret Lova, Noella Sevigny, Jean Chornick, Edith Sinclair, Blanche Dossonneault, Blanche Levesque, Anna Sweeney, Tessie Campbell, Marguerite Mason, Miss Nodwell, Miss Lanchuk, Miss Burton.

Edward Kilian is assistant manager with Robert Hallam manager of the stock room, assisted by Frank Banks.

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# MISCELLANEOUS

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

#### NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that on and after this date I will not be responsible for any debts contracted in my name by my wife, Ethel M. Prentice.

(Signed) A. M. PRENTICE. Dated at Timmins this 22nd day of August, 1938.

# NOTICE

Take Notice that the undersigned, by their auctioneer, E. C. Brewer, will sell by public auction at the United Movers, corner of Spruce Street and Kirby Avenue, Timmins, Ontario, on the 1st day of October, 1938, at the hour of 2 o'clock in the afternoon, the following property: a mechanic's tool chest and tools, to obtain payment of \$43.80 owing by H. Ewarts and Ed. Bedard, to the undersigned for board and lodging. Dated the 24th day of September,

(Signed) Algoma Hotel.

# Twelve Births Registered Here During the Past Week

Born-on September 23rd, 1938, to Mr. and Mrs. Chesney O. Davison, of

308 Mountjoy street—a daughter. Born-on September, 22nd, 1938, to Mr. and Mrs. Ross Lemire of 408 Pine street south—a daughter.

Born-on September 22nd, 1938, to Mr. and Mrs. Lucien Poirier of 62 Montgomery avenue—a son.

Born-on September 20th, 1938, to Mr. and Mrs. John Rusu of 279 Birch street north-a son.

Born-on September 22nd, 1938, to Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Worksewich of 120 Cherry street at St. Mary's hospital-

Born-on September 21st, 1938, to Mr. and Mrs. James Mousseau of 110 Gillies

street north—a daughter. Born-on September 15th, 1938, to Mr. and Mrs. James Tokio, of Mountjoy Township—a daughter.

Born-on September 24th, 1938, to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Krews, of 73 Lakeshore Rd.—a son.

Born-on September 23rd, 1938, to Mr. and Mrs. Hormidas Robitaille, of 270 Cedar street south—a daughter. Born-on September 24th, 1938, to

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Edward Burke, of 109 Cedar street south—a daughter. Born-on September 23rd, 1938, to Mr. and Mrs. Ivanhoe Mayrant, of 901/2

Commercial avenue—a daughter. Born-on September 23rd, 1938, to Mr. and Mrs. Emile Pitre of 73 Commercial avenue at St. Mary's hospital

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quest and order of the government of their land. It is a characteristic worthy of emulation as well as admiration-provided the government is the

Austria.

Those who suggest that Czechoslovakia should sacrifice its country to save the lives that may be worthy event is to be held in aid of the lost in a European war should remember that if a war is avoided by such measure, it will mean the sacrifice of hundreds of thousands of lives- Masonic hall on Wednesday afternoon British people seem to prefer the name "Prague" Czechoslovakian lives-turned over to the hatred of next week, Oct. 5th, from 3 to 7 for the capital of Czechoslovakia, while the Czechs of the former paperhanger and his cohorts. To themselves favour "Praha." British folks, however, realize this fact all that is necessary is to recall

All the news these days isn't bad news. An item

# Afternoon Tea and Fashion Show, Oct. 5

Event for Benefit of Hospital Work of the I.O.D.E.

A very interesting, attractive and hospital work of the Timmins Golden Chapter I.O.D.E., when a fashion show and afternoon tea will be given in the p.m. The afternoon tea will be of the usual delightful variety featured by the I.O.D.E., while the fashion show will specialize furs, sports wear, afternoon and evening modes, sponsored by A. Shaheen's. A valuable door prize will be awarded. The I.O.D.E. draw scheduled for St. John Ambulance hall on Sept. 28th, will be held at this tea.