

Novel Plan to Curtail Accidents at Holidays

No Excuse for Man With Too Much Holiday Spirit Saying, "I Had to Drive the Car Home." Employment Bureau Will Provide Skilled Chauffeurs During Holiday Season

In order to cut down on motor accidents and drunken driving around Christmas time, police and the Dominion Employment Bureau are co-operating on a novel scheme.

Delbert Murphy, superintendent of the Bureau, has compiled a list of experienced chauffeurs. These men will be available from today to motorists who do not wish to drive their automobiles at any time up until and during the Christmas and New Year's seasons.

"These men will have all the necessary qualifications for good chauffeurs. They will not drink anything intoxicating during their term of employment and should be able to greatly assist motorists, who, because they have been drinking or for any other reason, do not wish to or shouldn't drive their cars," said Mr. Murphy.

Police are in favour of the scheme

and will give their fullest co-operation. They will have the list of drivers and are willing to notify any one of them or go and get him and take him to where he is to take charge of his employer's car.

They point out that all a motorist has to do is telephone the police department and ask to have a driver sent.

If the car owner who wishes the driver has been drinking he will not find himself in an awkward position with the police. They much prefer to have sober men driving cars at Christmas and are willing to put themselves out to bring about that condition.

Police will see car drivers between calls and will not allow a man to drive a car if he shows any signs of having consumed alcohol.

"There is another angle also," said

Mr. Murphy. "All of these men are badly in need of work. Many of them are married men with families. If they are willing to give up Christmas Eve with their family they should receive the support of the citizens."

Of course, this service is available to absolutely sober people. Indeed, it would be in keeping with the Christmas spirit if anyone who can afford it would make use of this chauffeur service. It would prove convenient for the car owner, relieve him of the worry of running his car, and leave him free to do his shopping or his visiting. As for the chauffeurs, it would mean a lot for them if they can earn a little during the holiday season.

The motorist is assured of a sober, experienced driver; the police are sure that there will be more careful motorists on the road, and the men receive much needed employment. Everybody should be satisfied.

The matter of a fee for drivers will be decided upon between employer and driver.

Mr. Murphy said that the demand for girls to do housework is increasing. It was customary for it to increase at this time of year, he said. However, there was hardly any demand for men. Bush work especially was very scarce.

Jim Returns North Able to Walk Again

Hospital for Sick Children Gave Him New Health.

Toronto, Dec. 14.—Eight-year-old Jim has gone back to the north country after four years in the Hospital for Sick Children, Toronto. He walked out, carrying his own handbag.

Four years earlier, when he was hardly more than a baby, his parents made the long journey down to Toronto, bringing Jim with them. They appeared in the out-patients' clinic at the Hospital for Sick Children and told the doctor that Jim had a sore back.

As they do with thousands of other patients every year, the doctors at the clinic gave the little boy a thorough examination. Some of the ablest physicians and surgeons in Toronto were there. They took X-rays, made blood tests and "reflections," and found that Jim had tubercular spine. They took him upstairs and put him to bed, while his father and mother stayed around for a few days and then went back up north.

Privately, the doctors thought that Jim had scarcely a chance to get better. But they worked over him unceasingly, turned loose all the magic of modern medicine—for four long years, while the little boy ticked off his birthdays.

Well, it worked. Jim did get better, and he walked out of the hospital with a strong back set on two sturdy legs. He's up home again, in the bush country of Northern Ontario.

Parents Didn't Pay Cent

And because today's hospitals are organized in an especially marvelous way, Jim's parents didn't pay a single cent for the four years of expert care and treatment. His municipality paid the Hospital for Sick Children the Public Ward rate of \$1.75 a day for every day the sick youngster was laid up and the Ontario Government paid the statutory rate of 60 cents. But it cost the hospital at least \$1.60 a day more than the \$2.35. The Hospital for Sick Children invested \$1400.00 of its own money in Jim's recovery.

They do things like that every day in the week. The doctors who looked after Jim for four years donated their services, as they are continually doing for helpless youngsters who come to them with bad tonsils, poor eyes, weak

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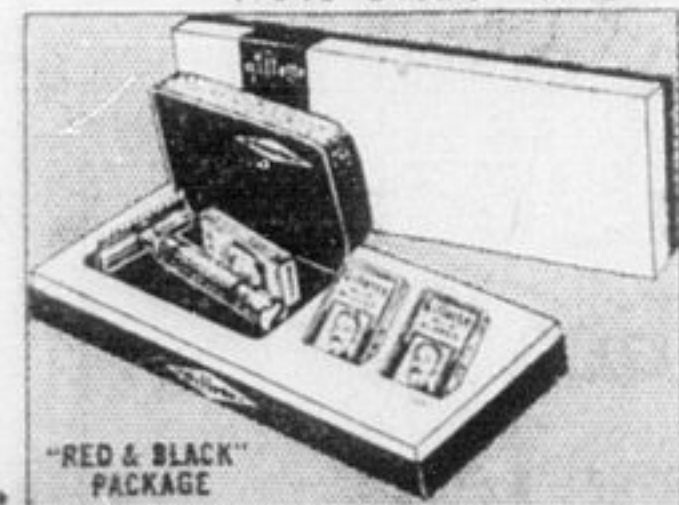
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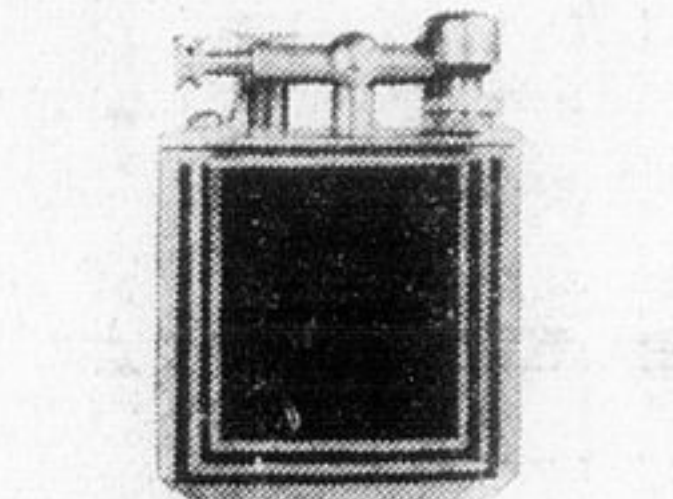
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Last year, for instance, the highly skilled physicians and surgeons on the staff of the Hospital for Sick Children gave free of charge more than 40,000 hours of their valuable time. Put a value on it—say \$5 an hour, which is too little—and you have more than \$200,000 worth of medical service given away in a single hospital.

Joseph Bower, superintendent of the hospital, listened alertly to the question, "How about it now; don't the doctors and hospital make some of this back from the private patients who, can afford to pay?"

"Would it be news," he asked, "that out of the 434 beds in the Hospital for Sick Children, 414 are in public wards? We had 9,000 patients last year, and less than five per cent. of these were private patients."

"We are a public hospital, and like every public hospital, we are required by law to accept any patient who comes to our doors in need of treatment. We give them everything they need, and it's not unusual for the hospital to furnish from \$300 to \$400 worth of serum to a single patient suffering from pneumonia. Whatever the cost to us, we get only our regular allowance of \$2.35 a day, per patient."

Some serums are given free to the hospitals by the Provincial Department of Health; the others, not on the free list, must be paid for.

It's pretty obvious, then, that the hospital appeal to humane and charitable citizens for donations.

The out-patients' clinic was crowded by 9.30 this morning. Waiting room and corridors were filled with parents and children from infants to adolescents. Several hundred come here every day, many from outside Toronto.

Of all the hundreds of fathers and mothers who brought in their ailing youngsters, a few, who could, paid 50 cents. There might be bills a little higher for X-ray and other special work, but the majority paid less and many nothing at all.

Look closely into the heart of the Hospital for Sick Children, and you'll find not only kindness and superb skill but an organization that is almost unique in the world. It is a children's hospital for everyone in Ontario, drawing its patients from every municipality even to the farthest corners of the province.

100,000 Visits a Year

"There is no statutory provision for establishing an out-patients' department in any hospital," said Mr. Bower. "But municipalities throughout the province have come to realize the importance of our out-patients' department, since a very large proportion of the patients treated there would otherwise be occupying beds in the hospital. And that would result in much increased financial load for the municipalities."

So there is one reason for the size of the great daily clinic, which hums out the ills of thousands of youngsters and results in upward of 100,000 visits a year.

The Hospital for Sick Children does not share in the funds collected by the Toronto Federation for Community Service because patients are admitted from all over Ontario.

Over \$83,000 is needed this year to meet the unavoidable deficit. Even small gifts are not only welcomed and appreciated but are the hospital's assurance from the people of Ontario that they should continue the great work of serving sick and crippled children without regard as to race, creed or financial circumstances.

Your gift should be mailed to the Appeal Secretary, The Hospital for Sick Children, 67 College Street, Toronto.

Norman Evoy President of Kirkland Lake Legion

(From Northern News)

Resident of Kirkland Lake since 1924, installer of the first telephone into Larder Lake in 1906, and with a war record which started in the early days Norman Evoy was on Sunday night elected president of the local branch of the Canadian Legion.

William Johnston was elected vice-

president, J. T. Pearson, second vice-president, and Grant Murray, treasurer. Dune Campbell, Jack Webber, Bob Taylor, Dave Jones, George McGraw, and Lou Irvine, were elected to the executive.

Mr. Evoy's two competitors were Neil Wilson, this year's president, and Councilor Sandy Cowan. General Swift, who had also been nominated, announced that he did not wish to stand.

The new president, who as Major Evoy is commander of the local unit of the Algonquin Regiment, went to Toronto from New Liskeard to enlist, and prior to going overseas, was attached to Depot 22 O. A. W.

Back in 1909 and 1910 he was on telephone work in the Porcupine camp, and from time to time did a line patrol on a white horse which became quite famous.

He was reeve of Teck Township in 1929 and 1930.

William Johnston, second in command of the Legion personnel, is best known for his smart public appearance in local Corps Reunion in Toronto he was one of the outstanding personalities, and the most photographed man of the day.

J. T. Pearson, several of whose family are connected with the Legion, is another old-timer who is well known in the North.

Late Edwin O'Dacre Had Relatives at Pembroke

The Pembroke (Ont.) Bulletin on Monday of this week had the following paragraph:

"Relatives in Pembroke were advised Saturday of the death earlier that day in Timmins of Edwin O'Dacre, a native of this town and formerly a well known resident here. Mr. O'Dacre, who was an automobile mechanic, was employed in a garage at Timmins, where he had lived for the past 14 years. Death followed a short illness with pneumonia. Born in Pembroke 40 years ago, Mr. O'Dacre was a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Thos. O'Dacre. His wife died some years ago and he is survived by one daughter, Geraldine, Pembroke; four brothers, James, George, Michael and Leonard, all of Pembroke; and two sisters, Mrs. E. H. Hammond, Pembroke, and Mrs. J. V. Ashworth, Toronto. The funeral took place this (Monday) morning in Timmins."

Kincardine News: A nation's weakness invites war; a nation's strength defends its right to remain at peace.

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