



The Lions may be glad that they didn't have their convention here in the early days when the taximen roared around town in the latest jalopies as shown above. Drink and drive is O.K. with these fellows — its just sassafras in that bottle, boys! They might not be able to get you there fast but you would have a wonderful time on the way. This wasn't one of the prize winners in the mammoth Lions parade Monday afternoon but it brought a few laughs.

AU REVOIR TO LIONS DO VISIT US AGAIN WE'RE GLAD YOU CAME

In The Shadow Of That Flag

When the Ukrainian New Canadian Choir men entered the McIntyre Arena Monday evening to sing for the Lions International Convention they immediately spotted the Russian flag which had been hung with the rest of the nations flags in the vast arena.

The New Canadians who had suffered many tortures at the hands of the Russians and had lost their parents and families at their hands refused to sing if the offending flag was left inside the building. The convention chairman immediately ordered the flag removed and the choir stayed to sing for the huge crowd which attended the convention.

The convention chairman explained that the Russian flag had been placed up without any intent. The flag was rolled up with other national flags which had been used as decorations during the war years. "It is no mystery how it got there, it was just put up there for decoration like all the other flags," the convention chairman explained.

Townsmen Talk On Town's Taxes Tonight At 8

As the McIntyre mine digs deeper into the ground the Timmins tax rate climbs higher and higher—they say that the McIntyre won't be going any deeper because of the mud—the town's akes may not go higher either. Come out and see the action at the citizen's meeting in the Municipal Building at 8 o'clock tonight. Among those present will be ex-mayor Bartleman and Mr. W. Stewart.

"Best Convention We've Ever Had," Say Lions, It's The Only Convention We've Ever Had

The highlight of the Lions International convention was Monday evening's speaker, Roy Keaton, Assistant Secretary General of Lions International proved to be one of the flow-eriest phrase makers that these L'l ole ears have heard in many a day. In true Texan style Roy Keaton bulldogged his way through as pretty a speech as any Texan or Southerner could possibly make in such surroundings.

Starting off with reference to the goberness and intelligence of the crowd before him, Assistant Secretary Roy Keaton, dashed off some mighty pretty speechifying. He sho' nuff did. The Nawth, he said, was invigoratin' and rejuvenatin'.

"The North is noted for its beautiful women," said the speaker gallantly, "and I am glad to be here in the fair North to see this wonderful country you have here."

The title of his speech was "Think". And he declared that there was much thinking to be done on world affairs and in Lionism. An interesting sidelight of his speech was his mention of the number of Lions Clubs which have started up in the last year since the annual convention. Since July 1st, 1947, 805 new clubs were started which is more than the Kiwanis Club has organized in 15 years. He said that there were now 6805 Lions Clubs in 22 countries of the World.

"Lionism," he said, "is not a religion

and we have no religious prejudice. Lionism is also international and we have no race prejudice.

"Ontario, they tell me," he said reverting to his flowery phrase style of delivery, "is so large that the sun requires more than a 24 hour day to pass over it. The only things not lived up to are advertisements, sin and introductions, and I feel flattered and humble to be here tonight."

"You can never escape what you think," Mr. Keaton declared, "your mind makes up your world. What you think, so you are. And there is no such thing as an idle thought. The subconscious mind is the storehouse of thought and never rests but the conscious mind is the one we think with and think new thoughts. The conscious only works when we make it."

"We are living in a time when thinking is needed more than ever before. Men who have service in their hearts and minds that are thinking are needed to lead today."

Mr. Keaton helped organize the Lions Club in Europe. He said that the abject poverty and starvation was enough to convert the hardest hearted Congressman to the Marshall Plan for Europe. "I was brought up in the church and I believe in the church. Lionism is not a religion and it should not interfere with religion," Mr. Keaton said that the Marshall

plan expense would be 160 work days for every man woman and child in the United States. Most Americans are willing to give to that extent to aid Europe, he said.

"Some think that war with Russia is inevitable," he said, "Nobody can get a peep at Russia and find out what they are doing. There are three million slaves working in Russia and nobody gives a damn. It takes only 28 men to control Russia's thinking," he said. "Democracy has its drawbacks sometimes, but we have to think more of what democracy means. Canada is a great country today because many men have taken time to think of her future."

"Prejudice," said Lion Keaton as a parting shot, "is an obstruction when seeking the truth."

Presentations followed the speech and Lion Roy Keaton was presented with a few pieces of Crown Derby china already packed for his trip back to Texas. He was also presented with a gift for his wife, who stayed at home with the children.

Following the speeches the New Canadian Choir under the direction of John Fortak sang three numbers. The Voyageurs Quartet sang a medley of old french songs and the Croatian orchestra played several selections during the banquet and after. More than 800 were seated at the banquet held on the Arena floor.

Burning Speech Given By Prov. Fire Marshall

Jos. Miller, representative for Northern Ontario for the Fire Marshal's Office for the Province, was the guest speaker at the weekly luncheon of the Timmins Kiwanis Club this week, and his address was of particular value and interest.

After outlining the work of the Ontario Fire Marshal's Office he emphasized the need for the greatest co-operation between the Fire Marshal's Office, fire departments and the people in general. In this district the fire departments were doing excellent work and co-operating fully with the Fire Marshal's Office, and if the people in general added their co-operation, the serious loss from fire could be much reduced.

Some startling facts were quoted by the speaker to prove his points. For example, he noted that in 1946 the fire loss was greater than the loss through Hitler in 1940-41 when the blitz over Britain was at its height.

Another illustration used by the guest speaker was the case of the fire in Texas where 26 out of 27 firemen lost their lives when an unexpected explosion occurred. Not only was

this loss of life most deplorable, but the fact that there was not other trained firefighters to take the place of those killed, added much to the extent of the loss. In contrast to this, he mentioned the fire at a Texas school, where, despite the fact that some exits were blocked, some 900 children marched out of the building without the loss of a single life. This was a sample of what fire drill and similar plans could accomplish.

In this connection, the speaker asked the businessmen present if their staffs were trained so that they would know exactly what to do in case of fire. In case any assistance was needed, the fire department and the Fire Marshal's Office would be only too pleased to co-operate to the fullest extent.

In reviewing the work of the Ontario Fire Marshal's Office, the speaker explained that at first it had been chiefly investigation work, but it was broadening out more and more to include prevention work and an effort to secure the co-operation of all to avoid fires and to deal with fires in the most effective way when they did

Jim Lawrie, Ben Norris Land 18 Pound Fish at Ferrier Lake

Jim Lawrie, Tri-Town Motors and Ben Norris, Golf professional, were fishing off the pontoon of their Fleet Canuck plane last Friday evening on Ferrier Lake when Jim Lawrie felt a tug on his line (copper line with a Williams Wobbler) and almost fell into the drink.

Ben Norris saw his difficulty and jumped to his aid. . . 38 inches of white fish appeared at the end of the line sparkling in the dying rays of the sun. Ben Norris reached for the fire extinguisher and rapped the fish over the head a few times until it lay still so that they could retrieve the Williams Wobbler.

The fish when weighed in was 18 3/4 pounds and measured 8 1/2 inches deep. Jim Lawrie said he had been fishing that lake before but had never landed such a beauty before.

occur. Schools for firemen were among the efforts of the Fire Marshal's Office. Assisting and advising on fire prevention and fire fighting were other efforts. At present the Office was co-operating with Mountjoy Township in the matter of better fire protection. Reference was also proudly made by the speaker to the excellent brigade of thirty firemen, with good equipment, at Virginiatown.

There was also special pleasure in referring to the Porcupine Firemen's Association. This smoothly working association meant that in case of a serious fire in Timmins, Tisdale or Whitney, there was available a force of 120 trained and skilled firemen as well as nine pieces of good, modern fire apparatus.

The value of inspection, and the necessity for regulations in regard to buildings and articles stored, were also touched upon.

"Visit your fire hall, and see what your firemen are doing for you," the speaker said, in urging the fullest co-operation.

In concluding, the speaker called attention to the big tournament to be held at South Porcupine by the Temiskaming Firemen's Association on July 1st. The association included 33 fire departments, 11 of these being in Northwestern Quebec.

The guest speaker was introduced by Mayor Karl Eyre, who mentioned that Jos. Miller had been actively concerned in fire fighting work since he was seventeen years old, and had been an apt pupil of that notable fire chief, Kiwanian Max. Smith. During the war, Kiwanian Jos. Miller had served with the Canadian Fire-fighters in Britain.

Kiwanian Geo. Knowles expressed the appreciation of the club for one of the most important addresses of the year, and President H. J. Quinn added further words of commendation.

Other visitors for the day were introduced by Vice-President F. A. Woodbury. It was firemen's day at the Kiwanis, even Past President W. H. Burnes being introduced as a fireman. The guests included: Fire Chief W. Stanley and Deputy Fire Chief M. Daher of Timmins; Fire Chief Chas. Jucksch, Schumacher; Fire Chief Malcolm MacMillan, McIntyre Mine; Chief H. Schultz, Ankerite; H. H. Costain, fire prevention officer, Domb Mines; Kiwanian W. H. Burnes, New Liskeard.

Kiwanian Nick Basciano led the community singing, with Secretary W. H. Wilson at the piano. When Phil Laporte, on behalf of Frank Bailey, called for a number in the song book one past the last number, both culprits were punished, and the audience also, by the two partners in crime being required to sing a duet. They did it.

Successful Barbeque At Ankerite Park Tues.

The crowd was unexpected. Local Lions thought that there were many other attractions far greater to the visitors than a bar-b-que in a beautiful park. Why these people spend most of their year dreaming of such surroundings and the party went over with a bang.

On one side of the lake was the bathing beach and the soft drink stand while on the other side was the lodge where beer was sold. The balance of crowd wasn't even between the two.

The lamb and pork which had been barbecued was gulped down with buns, but the appetite of the crowd hadn't been gauged very well.

Henry Kelbeck and dem bums played their band of music and some of the visitors gave out with some fancy diving and diving antics which kept the crowd in convulsions.

As far as the visitors were concerned the picnic couldn't have been in a better location. Far from city streets, the Buffalo-Ankerite park's smooth little lake gave an air of quiet serenity to activities which blared from the lodge.

Approximately 800 attended the picnic and the food disappeared so fast that the party moved to the other side of the lake. One hefty fellow went out on the diving board in front of the lodge. The diving board broke and he fell in. Everyone laughed and thought it was great fun—it was, the fellow was fully clothed.

It was things like that which livened up the picnic and of course a couple of policemen dressed in Kingston stripe clothes added an air to the already well paced party.

One fellow had apparently become zored with the party and fell asleep in the bus. Several men tried to arouse him but he wanted to sleep.

As the sun sank slowly in the North-West we sadly left the scene of merry making and as we are not a gossip paper we leave it to your imagination and the Lions to tell what happened afterward.

The local Lions are again to be congratulated on their fine performance in the planning department. This convention will no doubt go on record as the most interesting which the Lions of District A have ever had.

Highways Minister Asks Safe Driving In Holiday Traffic

Ontario will get a double dose of dangerous holiday traffic this weekend with big national holidays at both ends: Dominion Day on Thursday and the American Independence Day holiday on Monday, says Highways Minister Hon. George H. Doucett in a statement appealing for extra care and patience in driving and walking.

Thousands of Canadians, the Minister points out, will be crowding the highways from Thursday until Sunday, and from Saturday to Monday many of our American neighbors will visit Ontario. Last year these two holidaying groups came on separate weekends, but this year they run together.

"Our worst enemy," he says, "is the driver who's in a big hurry. Ontario records show that 'speed too fast for conditions' accounted for one-third of the driving offences resulting in fatal accidents last year. We live and work at a fast pace when not on holiday; surely a holiday drive is a time to take it easy."

"Courteous driving at reasonable speeds," the Minister continues, "is more pleasant for driver and passengers as well as safer to all. It is much easier on your cost of living too: easier on gas, oil, tires and nerves, and such savings should be worth far more than reaching some place just a few minutes earlier than otherwise."

Bluenoses Count Noses

Dr. G. A. Irwin of New York flew up to New Liskeard last week to visit sister. Following his visit he came on to Timmins to meet his old friend and school chum Mr. A. W. Stewart last Sunday. While in town Dr. Irwin visited all the Nova Sections in the district and spent a clannish day in recounting tales of the Maritimes. Bluenosers are a clannish lot and it has been remarked more than once that to injure one is to do an injury to them all.



Toby the Lion who posed as a lion and scared the wits out of the ladies with his growling. The Lion Tamer is shown trying to get Toby to pose for the cameraman. Toby disagreed and leaped for the camera just after the light flashed in his eyes.



When the special pulled into town last Sunday afternoon Lion Convention chairman Stanley Fowler was on hand to welcome District Governor of A-2 and chairman of Governors Bill Phipps and his charming wife.



Bill Phipps again and this time with Bruce Leek, vice president of the Timmins Lions Club. The Lions say that they have had the best convention ever while here. They go on tour of the mines this afternoon and leave at 11.00 p.m. for home.



As soon as the Lions arrived in town they hiked up to the McIntyre Curling Lounge to register. Here are shown a group laughing merrily as they make their registration and break off to see the sights.