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OUR EDITORIAL COMMENT

Flower Catalogue

It is more like winter these days. But man has ways of comforting himself. Because the flower catalogues have arrived, the chill can be forgotten temporarily in the picturing of hours when weather is neither too cold nor too warm and a gardener is sallying forth to pleasant duty.

The catalogue cover glows with marigolds, giant and brilliant yellow. The scene just beyond the window makes the marigolds seem things of fantasy, but the fact that seeds and plants are listed for purchase lends

touch to reality.

A page is turned and sweet alyssum puts in appearance. This flower of delicate aspect and lengthy blooming period was the last to succumb under November frost. However, the catalogue offers a new variety, taller and with larger flower heads and this induces the gardener to add another item to his order list.

Daisies and phlox — these enchanters, having possessed the thought, obliterate for the moment the winter cold.

We Need More Land Now

The acquisition by Markham Village of the new two and a half million dollar RCMP building should further stimulate Stouffville municipal council that if it is going to acquire any really worthwhile industrial development it must annex some adjoining territory.

True, the developments which have passed us by would not necessarily have come to Stouffville even if we had had the land, but even future developments, can never come, and there is little use of Planning Board even discussing any large promotion, unless council places annexation on the 1958 agenda.

Mr. Oliver Crockford, profession-

Don't Leave It All To The Teachers

Parents have a duty to help educate their children and they shouldn't try to shrug off the entire job on school teachers.

Too many people have come to regard our educational system as a highly organized cultural sausage machine which converts raw first graders into well-informed, polished citizens acceptable to the business world or the drawing room.

The business isn't quite as easy or automatic as that and quite a few parents need a stiff reminder that they have to do a little more for education than meet the bills.

School teachers are expected to give pupils a good grounding in the academic subjects. They also do their best to implant good standards of morals and social behavior.

But the fact remains pupils are in school but five hours a day, five days a week. The rest of the time

they are, technically speaking, in the care of their parents, except of course the time taken up in school sports and other out-of-classroom activities.

How do they spend their out-of-school-time? Are they running wild, unsupervised and unrestrained except at meals?

And what sort of example do parents try to set the small fry? Do they set the same standards of behavior in their personal affairs and amusements that they demand from school teachers, whose lives must be transparent and beyond reproach of the most fastidious parent?

Parents often blame the school when their young hopefuls are disappointing. If they are seriously interested in junior's improvement they should take a careful look at themselves.

It is an old axiom that an apple never falls far from the tree that bore it.

Water Rights

Newmarket Council has drawn attention to Ontario's lack of legislation providing for the equitable distribution of subterranean water resources. The council wants prohibition of further residential development in adjoining municipalities. It contends that wells serving such new development could deplete the underground streams on which Newmarket depends for its municipal water supply.

There is no law, rule or regulation in Provincial statutes to protect groups or individuals who must obtain their water from wells. The deepest well gets the most water — save that a municipality can appropriate new wells which threaten to rob it of its water supply. In theory, the Department of Planning and Development can exert some influence to prevent overdevelopment of an area dependent upon subterranean water sources. In practice, development has too often outstripped municipal ability to provide adequate

water service, as was the case several years ago in North York Township.

Obviously, there is urgent need of regulations to govern the sharing of ground water supplies. The Ontario Water Resources Commission is the logical body to frame these regulations. The commission has taken over personnel and records formerly maintained by the Department of Mines, and from them should be able to obtain the information necessary for the formulation of an intelligent code of ground water rights.

The question of whether or not Stouffville water resources might be tampered with by private individuals sinking wells close to the local reservoir property has been of some concern to the local Utilities Commission at various times in the last few years. Additional land was added to the local reservoir property to give better protection, although there has been a question that even more land should be acquired to provide protection to the water source as well as make it possible to fully protect against spring run-off which did give contamination trouble some years ago.

From the Tribune Files

February 8, 1923

Printed 78 Years Ago

Our item last week in reference to Mrs. Hoover of Gormley having in her possession a sale bill which was printed for her father some 60 years ago, and which was suggested as the oldest auction bill in these parts, is put in the background by Septimus J. Foote of the 7th line, Whitchurch, his grand-

father, the late Sam Foote, held an auction sale way back in 1845, some 78 years ago, and between Septimus and his father, S. H. Foote, they have preserved a poster which announced the sale. It was held on what was termed "No. 28, con. 4, Whitchurch". The poster was printed at Newmarket and advertised 35 sheep and three yoke of steers plus other items. Until someone shows us an older sale bill, Mr. Foote will be regarded as having the pioneer bill of the section.

The "Ice Harvest" is on. The Board of Health should see to it that ice is taken only from pure water streams.

FISH—Fresh caught through the ice—White Fish and Salmon—W. H. Smith, rear Button's Store.

February 7, 1924

Robt. Winterstein received a kick on the knee from one of the cows recently, which laid him up for a time. He is getting him up again.

Tuesday of last week, while Messrs Archie McPhee and M. G. Parrington were digging a well for John A. Anderson, Cannington, they struck a root of a tree which was green and full of sap. They were at a depth of fifteen feet and in hard clay. There is no tree within five rods of this well. It is evident this root had found its way to a water strata for in less than 3 feet the well diggers struck a live spring.

Gordon A. Quantz of the Canadian National Railway has recently completed his final examinations at Stratford for a loco-

motive engineer, thus qualifying him to take charge of an engine when the position comes to him through the line of seniority.

Exhibition Hockey at the rink tonight. Two games, one admission 15c.

Stouffville entered two teams in the Ontario Curling Tankard at Toronto. Although the players entered were recognized as strong curlers they evidently were not up to their best, for they were early dropped from the running by Thornhill. The two rinks were composed of: (1) H. W. Sanders, sk—C. Armstrong, W. R. Sanders, W. J. Mather; (2) S. Armstrong, sk—V. Armstrong, D. Rusnell, H. Brillinger.

At the County Council Session last week the assessment of Stouffville village was jumped up some \$28,000 which is the whole amount of increase added by our assessor last year. The Reeve informs us that he registered a strong protest but the equalization committee were determined.

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LAFF OF THE WEEK



"The salesman claimed the average room takes less than ten minutes."



Talking - Books

There are at least 20,000 blind persons in Canada and almost as many nearly blind.

Chiefly through the efforts and courage of Colonel W. E. Baker, it is possible to bring books to blind or nearly blind persons. Catalogues of these books are obtainable and an excellent service is maintained without cost by the Government. None could be more obliging and courteous than those in charge of these books which are on records and in the main read by those whose clear voices make it a pleasure to listen.

If you know of blind people there need be no hesitation in writing to the library for the blind at 929 Bayview Avenue, Toronto.

For those removed by distance no doubt talking books are available at a nearer centre, but any communication will be promptly and courteously dealt with.

My own catalogue is dated 1953, but new sections are being constantly added. There is a wide selection of books available and the records are constantly being enlarged. Among other books are fiction, science, human interest, modern biography, and inspirational books, and in fact, books for all and every taste.

In addition to over 40,000 books available, The Reader's Digest can be secured and all read in well-modulated voices. The books arrive in cases and are easily set up after use.

No doubt our Governments are anxious to help afflicted people and this reading must have brought interest and pleasure to thousands. If you know of anyone afflicted by blindness put them in touch with the library at 929 Bayview Avenue, Toronto, and it may be the beginning of a great experience of pleasure and profit. If at all possible, someone will be sent to visit them and explain anything which may be a little obscure. There is no fee for the blind — not even any postage to pay for those excellent books. The experience will help the blind realize that they belong to a great family and are surrounded by well-meaning friends. Colonel Baker told me that he and his librarian, Mrs. Beath, are constantly amazed at the type of book asked for and by the warm appreciation of the blind for whom they mean so much.

Make a list of blind people and put them in touch with this excellent service.

Our quotation today is by a British writer: "We are all united in the great freemasonry of suffering."

FOR PARENTS ONLY

Your Child's Health

by Nancy Leaver

Have you ever been very anxious about your child's recovery? A mother and father who have taken turns sitting up at night by the bedside of a sick child, know what anxiety, sickness can bring to a parent's heart! Modern parents are interested in news of schemes to promote the good health of boys and girls.

Many city school children have the benefits of visits from a school nurse serving that centre and quite a number of rural scholars receive attention from a Red Cross Nurse. The fine job which these nurses do for hundreds of boys and girls should receive recognition.

Their work is often supplemented by special health projects sponsored by Service Clubs such as eye examinations and necessary glasses provided for needy youngsters. The field of preventive medicine is a most important one. It builds a fence at the top of a precipice instead of picking up and caring for wrecks of humanity at the foot of the cliff.

In a country in one province over three thousand school children were given physical examinations by a physician in a plan, fostering health for the rising generation. Parents might well wonder whether or not their children suffer from the defects which come to light during these examinations.

Tooth decay was by far the most common defect and enlarged or diseased tonsils came second. Less general disorders were skin infection (such as acne, scabies, impetigo), flat feet, anemia and poor posture.

In almost every class examined, some scholars were handicapped by poor vision or poor

hearing. Their parents were unaware of these barriers to their progress at school. In some cases low marks and failure to pass examinations in the past were due, not to the child's refusal to concentrate, nor to his lack of eagerness to learn, but because his eyesight or hearing were far below normal. Hernia and bone or joint defects came to light in some children as well as heart damage from rheumatic fever or some other source.

The value of yearly physical examinations of growing children was demonstrated in these findings. Parents in areas where similar schemes are not carried out, do well to consult their family doctor and dentist and arrange for regular annual or semi-annual checkups for their children.

In any land, mothers and fathers would agree with the old proverb which extol physical well-being such as "All health is better than wealth," "Health and cheerfulness beget each other." They would approve of the familiar sayings about health found in every language such as the Turkish, "To the well man every day is a feast"; the French "When you are well, keep as you are"; the Greek "Guard the health of body and of soul"; and the Latin "Good health and good sense are two great blessings."

Every parent wants to give his child as good a start in healthy living as he can. Mothers try to follow essential health rules in bringing up their children, by getting them inoculated against diphtheria, smallpox, whooping cough, and polio; by including cod liver oil and fruit in the breakfast menu; by serving balanced meals and

Average Age of York Manor Residents Is 71

A year-end report was presented to York County council at its Jan. 23 session by the 1957 York Manor commissioners, Reeves William Clark of Markham township and Howard Anderson of Georgina, and Executive Reeve Clark Martin of North Gwillimbury. In its congratulations were extended to superintendent of the county's home for the aged, Peter Wilde, and his wife, and to Archie Ritchie, superintendent of York Manor farm.

Residents— There were 81 residents at the home on Dec. 31. Of these 33 were women. The average age of these senior citizens of York county is 71.

During the year, five residents were discharged to hospitals and five to Metropolitan homes. There were 11 deaths. During the same period there were 23 admissions to the home.

Water Supply— Since the last report was tabled in county council, a new water main has been installed and connected at York Manor. The water is supplied now by the town of Newmarket. It is a great improvement over the former source, a spring on the back section of the property which in the past few years has developed silt, the report stated.

The former source tested well but the water contained silt which caused trouble for the laundry and was objectionable for drinking purposes Mr. Clark told council.

Improvements— A heavy duty floor polisher has been purchased for use at York Manor. This cost \$175. The slate roof on the main building was repaired. This expense amounted to \$325.

The retiring committee presented a list of improvements which it recommended for 1958. These included: a water softener, approximately 40 metal lockers for men, three modern bath tubs with hand rails, two showers, floors in men's toilets renewed, wash basins installed in upper and lower men's wards, a drinking fountain for each washroom, tile both floors in the men's wards, repair plaster and paint sitting room and paint six staff bedrooms.

These recommendations were forwarded to the 1958 York Manor commission for study.

Christmas Activities— During the month of December, many entertainments were held for the residents. Visiting groups which brought gifts and treats included: Order of Crusaders, Toronto; Aurora Baptist church; Newmarket Legion Ladies' auxiliary; Newmarket Girl Guides; Laskay United church; Richvale Guides and Cubs; and Toronto IBM choir.

Donations of money or gifts were received during the Christmas season. Acknowledgement is made to the following contributors: Mrs. J. H. Crang, Clenville Farms, Newmarket; St. Clair Community Club, Toronto; Elmhurst Beach Women's Institute; I.O.D.E., Aurora; CGIT, Beverley Hills United church; Woman's Auxiliary Eversley Presbyterian church; Women's Institutes of Richmond Hill, Woodbridge and Bogartown; and Teston United church Fellowship group.

Christmas Dinner— The traditional roast turkey and plum pudding with fruit and candy were served to the residents on Christmas Day. Tables were decorated with Christmas place mats and candy baskets.

The sitting room and dining room were decorated gaily. Each had a lighted Christmas tree and Santa arrived to distribute gifts. Residents at York Manor received gifts from the county. Each man was given a broadcloth shirt. Two pairs of flannel stockings were given to each woman.

Roast goose was served on New Year's day. All the traditional accompaniments were provided.

MO's Report— Dr. W. L. Carruthers reported that health of the residents is good. There was no outbreak of any disease and during the fall months, York Manor remained clear of flu.

The staff supplied necessary nursing care when required. The residents are contented and happy and the sanitary conditions are excellent considering the age of the building, Dr. Carruthers reported.

Ancient Mesopotamians not only wrote on clay, but made clay envelopes to protect valuable documents.

The California woodpecker carefully stores acorns in holes that it drills in trees and telephone poles. One pole was studded with 1,500 acorns.

by being careful on vacations that milk is pasteurized and water is safe.

But there is such a thing as being too fussy about a child's health! A child's mental health may be affected by spoiling his happiness and sense of security with an over-concern for his well-being. There is a "golden mean" or right middle course in guarding a child's health! Try to follow it!

1st ANNUAL MEETING YORK PRESBYTERIAL W.M.S.

The first Annual Meeting of York Presbyterial W.M.S. was held in Aurora United Church, Wednesday, Jan. 22nd, 1958. The women gathered at 9.30 for registration and when the session opened at 10 o'clock over 250 members occupied the sanctuary.

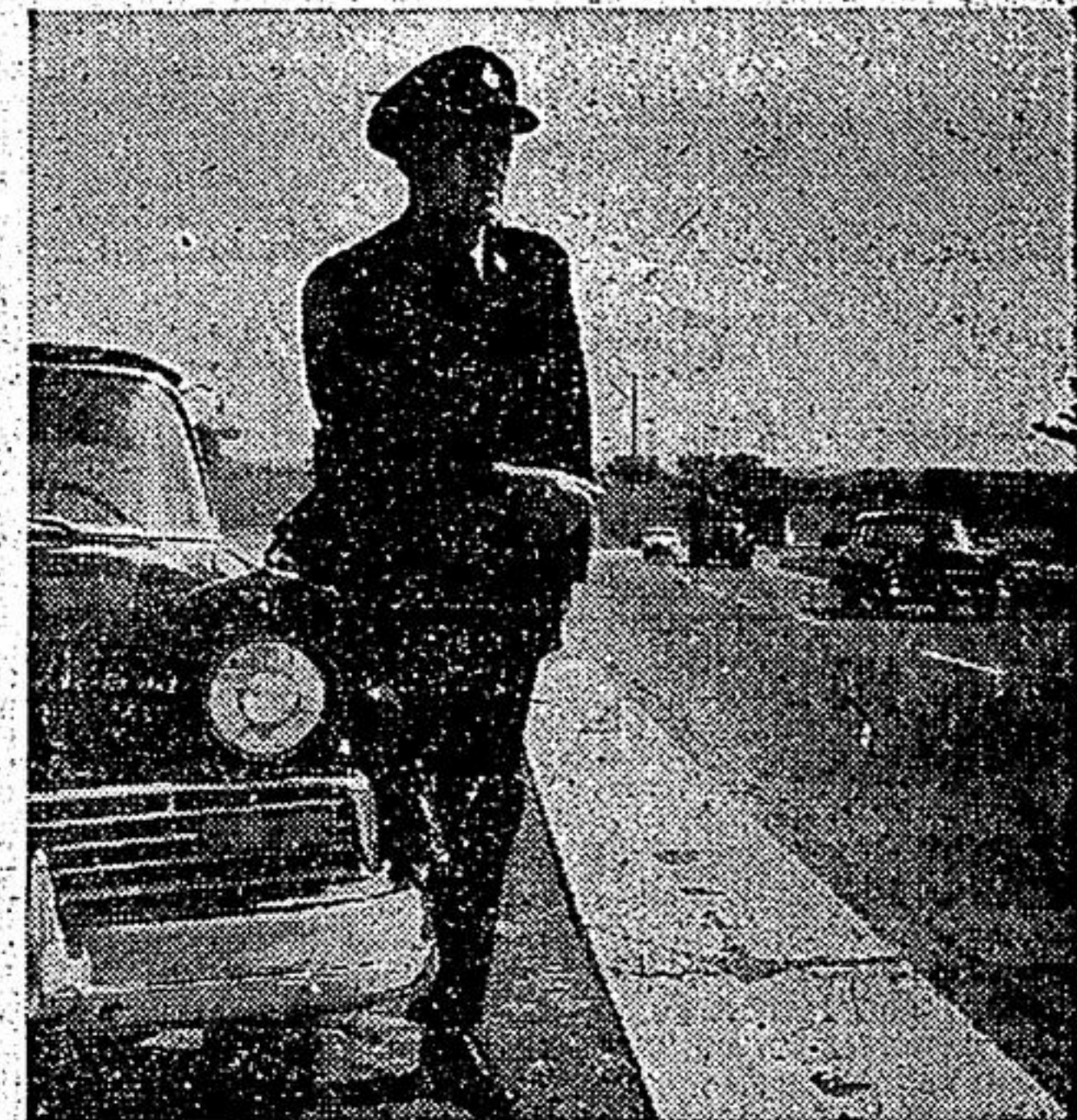
The President, Dr. Margaret Arkinstall expressed her pleasure with the large number present and in her address, likened York Presbyterial to a year old child with a rich heritage, learning, growing and looking forward to greater strength and activity.

Mrs. G. Purchase, President of the Afternoon Auxiliary of Aurora United Church and Mrs. A. Miller, President of the Evening Auxiliary welcomed the Presbyterial to the church.

Presbyterial business was dealt with. Minutes were read by the Secretary, Mrs. J. D. Booth. The Treasurer, Mrs. A. M. Wood reported that the Presbyterial had exceeded the 1957 allocation of \$14,000 by \$1,581. It was decided to give this surplus for two projects of the W.M.S. scholarships for overseas students and the hospital at Burns Lake, B.C. Mrs. B. Dike, Stewardship Secretary presented the allocation for 1958, \$16,200, which was accepted.

Mrs. A. J. Gardhouse, Literature Secretary gave brief interesting reviews of the W.M.S. study and reference books and urged members to take time to read. She presented the book award to King City Auxiliary for "greatest number of books read" by the members, an average of 9 per member.

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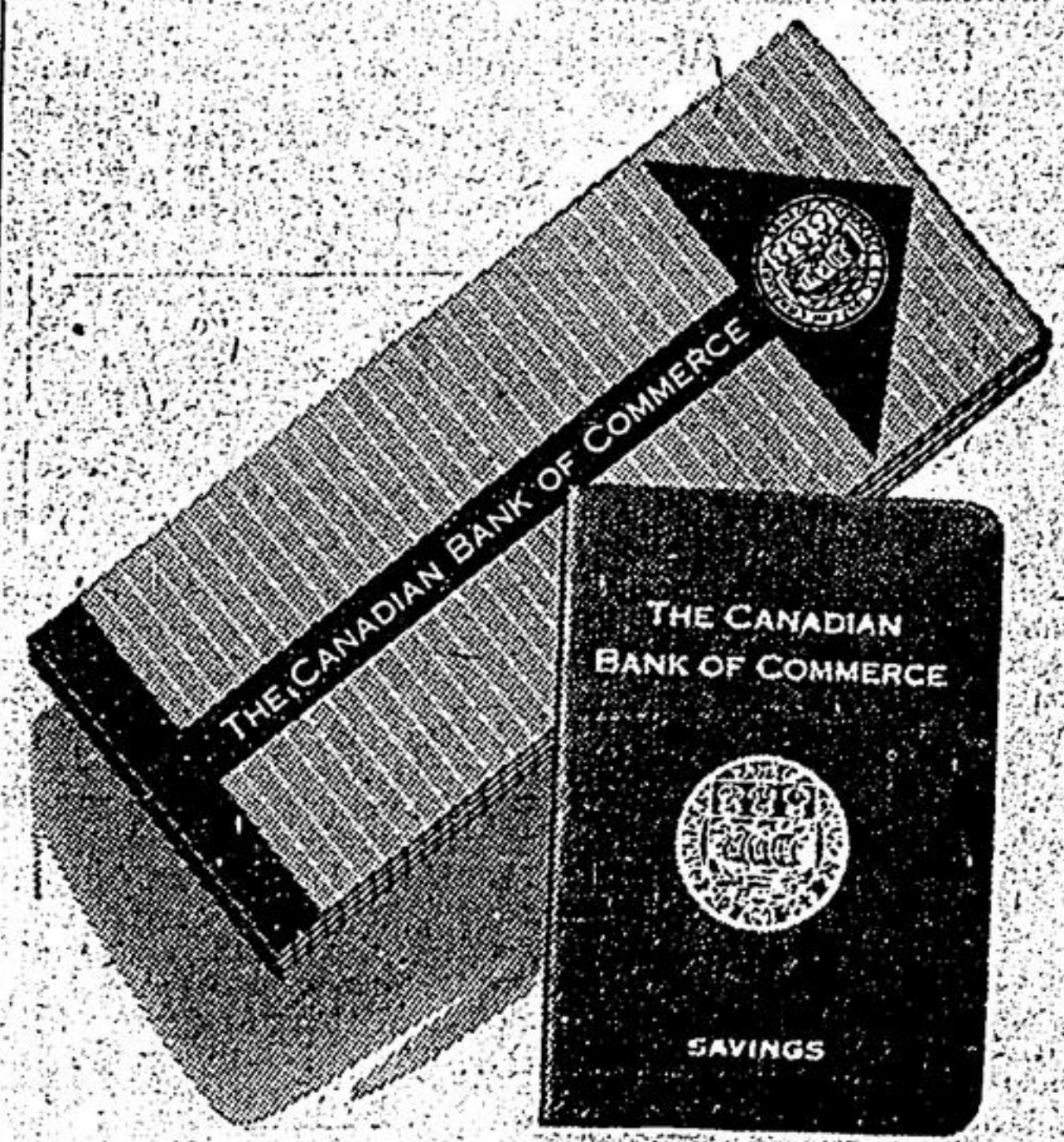


IN SPITE OF HIS EFFORTS 820 WILL DIE THIS YEAR*

Sixteen hundred officers of the Ontario Provincial Police spend 365 days of every year covering every mile of Ontario's highways — trying to stop motorists from killing themselves! They do this by seeing to it that car and truck drivers drive sensibly and safely. By co-operating with your O.P.P. and driving within the law you will help these men to make Ontario's highways safer for everyone.

*Based on figures for last 3 years.

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