

W.C.T.U. NOTES

TRAFFIC ACCIDENT PROBLEM

1. In August, 1949, 94 persons met violent death on Ontario roads, while the first eight months of 1949 has a record of 489 fatalities, the highest record for a similar period. What have the powers that be done to meet this problem? The Ontario Minister of Highways, Honorable George H. Doucett, has carried out a vigorous Highway safety programme, part of which was putting into the hands of every pupil in Ontario public schools leaflets on Highway Safety to take home. 2. What advice did the Minister of Highways give? "More than 800,000 vehicles are registered in Ontario, and 1,200,000 licensed drivers. . . The safety of persons using the road depends not on 'the other fellow', but on every one of us personally; we are each responsible for the safe condition of our own car, and the safety of standards of our own driving. Only a heightened and more widespread sense of personal responsibility can keep our cars and our driving abilities in the condition required for safety." 3. How numerous are the convictions for breaches of the Highway Traffic Act? There were 75,000 breaches of the Criminal Code Traffic Provisions last year, an increase of 68 per cent from 1947. 4. How many of these were due to the mechanically unsafe condition of the vehicle driven? Ten per cent of these convictions, or 7,500 of the 75,000 (seventy-five thousand) convictions were for driving a vehicle not in mechanically safe condition. 5. How many were due to carelessness or an accident on the part of drivers or pedestrians? 67,500, or 90 per cent of the 75,000

convictions. 6. Were children and elderly people the helpless class largely involved? July fatalities included 26 passengers, 20 drivers, 16 pedestrians. Of the pedestrians, seven were children under ten, and four were over 70 years of age. Thus 68 per cent were among the older and younger age groups—the more helpless groups. An analysis of Ontario's traffic toll shows this most tragic fact that more than twice as many children were killed as in September of 1948. Compared with ten child victims, September 1948, in 1949 the same month brought death to 21 children under 15 years of age. Four of these were passengers in cars. 7. Are many of these highway accidents due to drinking on the part of drivers or pedestrians? Professor Joslyn Rogers, Ontario's official consultant on criminal cases, has set the standard of 45 per cent of the serious cases of traffic accidents that have come before him as being caused by intoxicating beverages. Thus of the 740 killed in motor accidents in Ontario in 1948, there were 333 drink caused, according to this estimate of averages. 8. What is the record of highway fatalities for the first nine months of 1949? A Canadian Press news item on October 8 tells this story: Ontario's death rate toll from highway accidents during the first nine months of this year is reported at 500 persons, an increase of 20 per cent over the same period of 1948, an indicative of 1949 establishing an all time high. 9. Since in the words of Professor Joslyn Rogers we have official recognition of drinking as a large factor in causing highway accidents, is not increased facility in securing liquor parallel with increased numbers of highway accidents? It would seem so. The increase of licenses for the sale of liquor during the last five years is noteworthy. In 1944, there were 1,634 licenses, now there are 4,148 in 1,819 establishments, which means an increase of 289 licensed premises since 1944. Since the Liquor License Act of 1946 there have been

340 new licenses in 198 establishments. 10. Is public opinion indifferent to these facts? There are signs that the public mind is being aroused by these facts, as shown by local opinion contests. During 1948 in 29 municipalities there were 66 questions as to increased liquor sale outlets submitted to voters. To 46 of these 66 questions the answers were negative. The total popular vote registered in favor of additional liquor outlets was 35,298. Those opposing increased sale outlets in their community numbered 41,434—a majority of over 6,000 votes. 11. What is the personal duty of each Christian as to the Highway Traffic Menace, which is so greatly increased by the drinking driver? To inform oneself on the exact facts of the Traffic Problem as affected by drinking, and to let these facts be widely known—exact information graciously made known. To use her influence, example, talent and means in loyal service of the temperance cause with a sincere Christian regard for the welfare of others, and to pray that temperance leaders, may be blessed and guided. KINGSTON UNITED W. M. S. The regular monthly meeting of the Kingston United W.M.S. was held at the home of Mrs. Roland Buchanan. Meeting opened by singing hymn 248. Worship service taken from Missionary Monthly, the theme being "Over to Korea". Responsive reading of the words of Hymn 248, leader and members reading alternate verses 1 to 4 and uniting in verse 5. Prayer by Mrs. Owen Younker; different readings by Mrs. Bert Willis, Miss Erna Newson, Mrs. Roland Buchanan. The study book "Growing with the Years" by Mrs. Willard Proud and Mrs. Lloyd MacKinnon. It was decided to have quilts ready for next meeting and to pack box; also to give one quilt to a family that lost their home by fire. It was decided to have baby band picnic on church grounds. The minutes of last meeting were read and approved. Roll call answered by 19 members with one visitor. Willard Proud. A prayer by President closed the meeting.

Locke Road and Vicinity Mrs. Louise Griffin is teaching this year in West Devon. Mrs. Truman Harris was visiting in Roxbury, Lot 8, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Matt Sweet. Miss Marion Gallant of Plusville was visiting in Forest View, the guest of Miss Emma Gallant. Mr. and Mrs. John F. Gallant and daughter Bernice, motored to Forest View on Saturday, August 19. Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Gallant and Junior attended the picnic in Plusville on Wednesday, August 16. On August 21, Forest View School opened with Miss Bernice Gallant of Woodstock as the teacher. Miss Mae Malley of Alberton who taught in Forest View last year is this year teaching in Bloomfield Station School. Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Arsenault of Forest View moved down to Wilmet Valley where Mr. Arsenault is employed. Mr. and Mrs. Mait Griffin of Dartmouth, N. S. are visiting here at the home of his father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Matthias Griffin. Mrs. Sadie Connors has returned to her home in New Jersey after spending her vacation in Forest View visiting her sister and brother Mrs. Margaret Arsenault and Mr. John P. Wedge. On Sunday, August 21, Mr. Ferdie Arsenault, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Arsenault of Forest View arrived home to spend two weeks vacation with his parents, before going back to his studies at St. Hyacinthe. Newman's Lunch committee, Mrs. Heber Barrett, Mrs. L. Newson, Mrs. Willard Proud. A prayer by President closed the meeting.

Howlan and Vicinity Mr. Frank Gallant of Howlan was in Summerside on Saturday. Mr. Frank Gallant of Howlan was in Summerside on Saturday. Messrs Alban Arsenault and William Shield motored to Alberton on Sunday afternoon. Henry Gallant, who is employed in Summerside, spent Thursday at his home here. Mrs. J.B. Arsenault was in Woodstock on Thursday afternoon visiting with friends. Mr. and Mrs. Robert Arsenault have as their guest Mr. Joe Gaudin of Beaton Road. Mrs. David Griffin and son of Locke Road were calling on Mrs. Frank C. Gallant, Howlan, on Friday. Messrs Jim Lawlor and Gerard Dalton went to Summerside on Friday evening where they spent the weekend. Mrs. Robt Arsenault and son Jimmie returned to Howlan on Saturday after spending a visit with relatives in Alberton. Mrs. Elizabeth Gallant and Fred Gallant of Plusville on Friday evening visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Gallant. On Friday evening a few relatives called at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Gallant to say farewell to Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Gallant and family who left for home in Chelsea on Saturday. On Saturday morning Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Gallant and daughter Barbara and son Robert left Howlan on return to their home in Chelsea, Mass., after a two weeks vacation spent in Howlan, St. Louis and Plusville. They were accompanied home by Mr. Gallant's niece, Miss Delma Gallant of Howlan who plans on visiting three or

four weeks in Chelsea and Summerside, Me. Mrs. Keith Webb of Howlan has as her guest her sister, Miss Verna Armstrong of New Brunswick who spent part of her school vacation with her. Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Webb and son Keith of Howlan, motored to Lot 16 on Friday where they attended a funeral. Gerard Dalton of Summerside spent a day or two at their farm in Howlan while his brother Edward attended Old Home Week in Charlottetown. Mrs. Henry Gallant and sons Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Gallant and Dannie and Roderick were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Lorraine Gallant on Wednesday. Hearty congratulations and best wishes are extended to Mr. and Mrs. Thoren Mills, nee Shirley Gorchill, O'Leary who were joined in the holy bonds of matrimony on Wednesday Aug. 16th at O'Leary. Among those attending Old Home Week in Charlottetown during the past week were Harold Arsenault, Duvar, Lyman Arsenault, Vincent Perry and Joe Richard of Howlan. On Friday evening a miscellaneous shower was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. Hector Richard of Howlan in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Gussie Arsenault who had been married on Wednesday Aug. 16. Mr. and Mrs. Heber Bryan motored to Lot 11 on Sunday afternoon where they visited at the home of Mr. Herman Bryan who is very ill. Mrs. Mary Arnold and Mrs. Gilbert Dupres who have been visiting at the homes of their mother, Mrs. Catherine Gallant of Woodstock left by bus on Friday on return to their homes in U.S.A. after a two weeks visit. His many relatives and friends regret to know that Henry J. Gallant of Duvar on Thursday was

taken to the Provincial Sanatorium in Charlottetown and they sincerely wish for him the best. Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Gallant of Chelsea, Mr. and Mrs. Joe DesRoches of St. Louis, were calling in Howlan on Wednesday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Gallant. Quite a crowd from Howlan, Woodstock and all districts surrounding were in Plusville on Wednesday evening Aug. 16th attending the picnic sponsored by the district in aid of their new school. When all had partaken of delicious cold chicken supper, the hall was cleared out and a dance was enjoyed by the younger folks. On Tuesday evening, Aug. 15th the St. Anne Club of Howlan and Woodstock held their monthly meeting a week later due to the play entitled "La lute avec L'Ange" which was played on our regular night at St. Anthony's hall. Roll call was answered by only nine members. Next meeting in September will be held at the home of Mrs. Ben Gallant. There was wedded at St. Anthony's R. C. Church at Bloomfield on Tuesday morning, Aug. 15th Rev. M. J. Rooney officiating, Miss Eleanor, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Pincus of Duvar to Augustine Arsenault of Bedouque. The youthful bride was attended by

Miss Margaret Dolron and the groom by Wilfred Pincus, brother of the bride. A grand dinner was given at the bride's home where they received many nice gifts. In the evening they motored to the home of the groom where a delicious supper awaited them. On Friday evening a shower was held in their honor at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Hector Richard, Howlan. SEASONAL MALADY MONTREAL, Aug. 24—(CP)—A large proportion of suburban Valets' 1,500 residents were reported today stricken with enteritis. Dr. Hubert Ranger, health officer for the town bordering Lake St. Louis about 15 miles west of Montreal, described the disease as a seasonal malady, with symptoms of nausea and cramps. He said 30 cases have been reported but stated many cases were not reported because of their mildness. BREMERHAVEN, Germany, Aug. 22—(AP)—Paul J. Schneider, of Detroit, Mich., former Canadian railway worker, today was sentenced to six months imprisonment for entering Germany illegally. Schneider was ordered returned to the U.S. after serving the sentence. He said he was sent here by Canada after telling Canadian authorities that he was a German stowaway who had entered Canada illegally.

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