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Twelve-year-old Donald Collins, and his three-year-old dog Sally, have something in common other than both having broken legs. The pair received their injuries on two separate occasions; however, both were struck by the same 1/2 ton truck and the same driver in Nananee 20 miles west of Kings-ton. (CP Wirephoto)

No Startling Conclusions As Poverty Talks Conclude

By MICHAEL GILLAN
OTTAWA (CP)—A four-day federal-provincial conference which published some startling statistics about Canadian poverty ended Friday without any startling conclusions.

Tom Kent, policy adviser to Prime Minister Pearson and the conference chairman, told a press briefing that no decisions were possible because all the delegates were civil servants, not politicians.

But, he said, the conference was helpful in making the officials aware of the gaps in existing anti-poverty programs and how both levels of government can work in harmony in the future.

The officials of the federal government and the provinces have carried out a review of poverty problems and programs which will enable them to be better advisers and administrators when governments take action," he said.

The published reports on the plight of the Canadian Indian, the high degree of illiteracy in Canada, housing conditions and health conditions were given wide public attention, but they were no surprise to officials.

FIGURES NOT NEW
Mr. Kent told one reporter there was nothing new about figures showing that the average life span of an Indian in Canada is only a bit more than 30 years, or that the chief causes of deaths were colds and pneumonia—both preventable. Even a crash program would

not stop this overnight, he said, but governments now are doing something to help Indians and will do more.

Asked whether poverty in Canada now is greater than ever before, Mr. Kent said it is "relatively worse" because the country has pockets of poverty "in which people can get stuck" within a generally affluent society.

The conference produced a consensus among officials that should result in a more harmonious approach by governments to the problems, he said.

The conference brought together officials from various departments as well as representatives of some private organizations. Mr. Kent said future meetings will probably be held among officials from similar federal and provincial departments.

When the official talk is over, the problems would go before a federal-provincial conference of ministers or government leaders for political action.

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TORONTO (CP) — Lady Baden-Powell of Surrey, England, widow of the founder of the Boy Scout movement, will visit Toronto Saturday while on a tour that will take her to five North and Central American countries. Lady Baden-Powell is world chief guide of the Girl Guide movement. She last visited Canada in 1962. Toronto will be her only Canadian stop.

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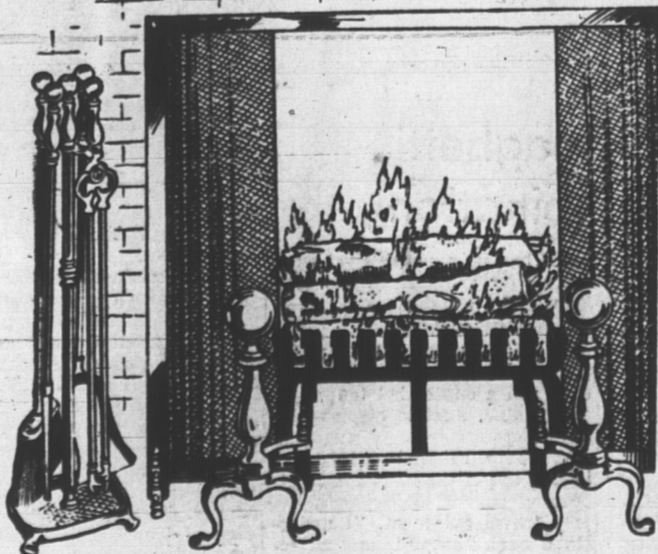
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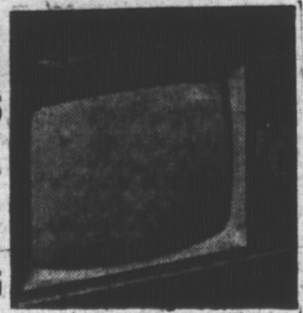
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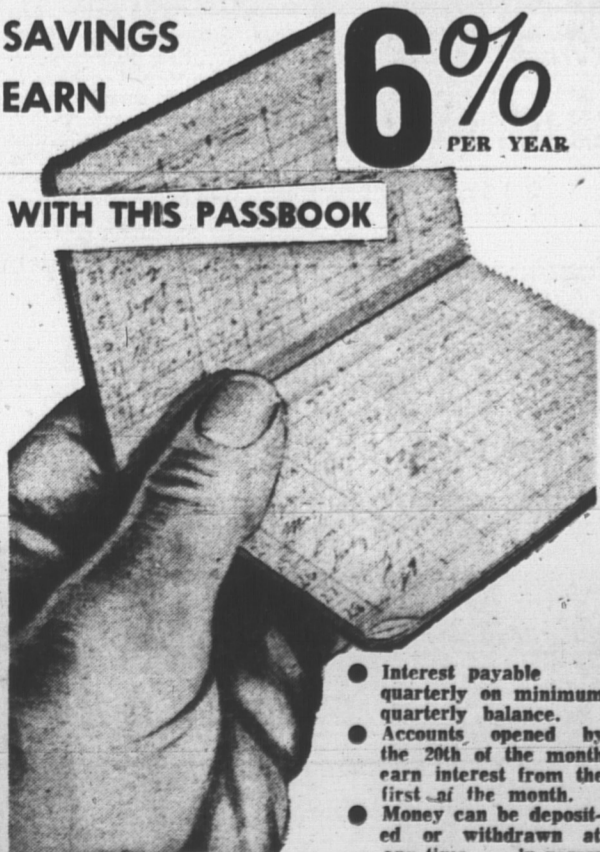
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