CARS APPEALS FOR FUNDS

All ages susceptible to attack by various forms of arthritis

This is one of a series of articles written to acquaint the public with the work of the Canadian Arthritis and Rheumatism Society, both locally and on the national scale and how it fights to help those stricken by crippling arthritis and rheumatism.

SECOND IN A SERIES

By PETER GIBB

The final object of the Canadian Arthritis and Rheumatism Society is the complete elimination of arthritis. If this is ever to be achieved the public must recognize it as desirable and necessary.

Arthritis is not a condition of old age or of any other particular stage in life. Statistics show that 68 per cent of the disabled are between the age of 18 to 64, whilst 80 per cent of those suffering from rheumatoid arthritis—the most serious form of the disease—are between the ages of 20 to 50.

It is said that if there is such a thing as a typical arthritis patient it would likely be a woman in her 30s or 40's, married and a mother. Factory workers, housewives and professional people are particularly susceptible to the disease and in Canada 165,000 persons are totally or partially disabled by it; in each year 9,000,000 working days are lost and $75,000,000 in wages, on account of the disease.

SERIOUS RESULTS

Arthritis comprises a whole group of diseases affecting the joints and other body structures, causing stiffness, pain, inflammation and swelling. If neglected these disorders may result in serious disability and deformity.

Rheumatoid arthritis is more common amongst women than men; whilst another form is more common amongst young men; and a third form chiefly affects the aged.

A related disorder, rheumatic fever, is most common amongst school children and may leave them with serious heart damage. Less serious forms of rheumatic disorders are bursitis, myalgia, neuritis, sciatica, lumbago, muscular rheumatism and similar disorders.

Increased research has not yet disclosed the cause or cure of these disorders; the spontaneous disappearance of the symptoms for a time has lead to claims for miraculous cures of a quack nature, but there is no cure known to science.

However, powerful relief and control of the different forms of the disease can be achieved with proper treatment and research leaves hope for eventual cures.

Human ingenuity, scholarship, patience and determination have resulted in cures of other diseases and will eventually produce cures for arthritis.

MORE RESEARCH

More research is now the chief object of the Society and the hope of the sufferer. More research means more public support and voluntary contributions. On October 17 canvassers of the Prince Rupert branch of the society will seek your financial support. Will you, who have been blessed with good health, remember your less fortunate fellow citizens?

Casualties total 92

Over the Thanksgiving weekend fatalities nearly reached the one hundred mark throughout Canada. Broken down into causes, the rosta reads:

Traffic	57
Hunting	10
Drowning	9
Fire	5
Other causes	11
Total	92

TOWERING FLAMES silhouette a fire ladder as the Maple Leaf Milling Co., Ltd., in Port Colbourne, Ont., becomes a fiery ruin after an explosion. It is estimated that damage totalled $2,500,000. Two men were reported missing and seven were treated for burns. The flamse could be seen 30 miles away, it was reported. National Fire Week is now in progress and this disaster is typical of what can happen, even though maximum security is maintained. Carlessness may cost you your life, your home, or your business.—(CP Photo).

NAMES IN THE NEWS

Lifelong girl invalid contributes top donation to leukemia hospital

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — Comedian Danny Thomas says the top contribution to the $2,400,000 children's hospital here came from a 15-year-old girl who has been an invalid all of her life. Ann Hall of Ashland, Miss., donated $1,018—which she had made selling lemonade during the last two summers—to construction of St. Jude's Hospital, which will specialize in the treatment of leukemia.

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NAIROBI, Kenya—An African politician has called on taxpayers in the United States, Britain and other Western countries to pay "a little more in taxes" for investment in African countries like Kenya. The proposal was made Monday by **Masinde Muliro** deputy leader of the Kenya African Democratic Union party.

STRASBOURG, France— Joseph Kremer, 53-year-old father of 18 children, was attacked by four men and stabbed to death as he left a cafe. The place where it happened: Place des Orphelins (Orphans' Square).

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FIRE PREVENTION WEEK

Fire Chief wants year-round effort to make Fire Prevention a success

In an effort to make Fire Prevention Week, which started Sunday, a year-round effort, Fire Chief Earl Becker and the City Fire Department have launched a series of activities designed to make residents, young and old, more fire safety conscious.

Along with advertising, radio time and a newspaper campaign, the fire chief and his crews have started a Sparkey Club in which children from the ages of eight to 11, are instructed by two firemen. Being used are comic books "Early Man and Fire" and "Man Learns More About Fire," coloring books, an inspector's manual and a home inspection form.

When the children complete the course they are given an official Sparkey's Inspector's card and a Sparkey Fire Department Inspector's badge.

Also in progress are lectures and demonstrations on fire causes, fire prevention and what to do in case of fire, with emphasis on teaching baby-sitters what to do in the event of fire. These lectures and demonstrations are given either at the school or at the fire hall by Chief Becker or Assistant Fire Chief W. H. Hill. An essay is to be written by the pupils upon completion of the lectures.

Posters have also been distributed to be displayed in the local stores.

A survey is being conducted by telephone to discover how well the Fire Department number is known and the location of the nearest fire alarm box. The names are being picked at random from the city telephone directory.

Short talks over raido station CFPR by the fire chief are being given on fire causes, fire prevention and what to do in case of fire.

Adult classes are to be held in the fire hall to give instructions on fire extinguishers, causes of fire and fire prevention.

Also planned are inspection of private homes by request, to ensure there are no fire hazards. The escapes are easily accessible and what planning has been made by residents.

"The best fires we fight are those which never happen," Fire Chief Becker said.

Indians help selves

NORTH VANCOUVER (CP) —The Squamish Indians at Capilano Reserve here have received federal approval of a winter works project totalling $36,000 on a dollar for dollar basis with the band. It is the first such program involving an Indian band in Canada.

No bell jangles, just bird songs in U.K. experiment

LONDON (Reuters)—Bird-like chirping may replace the jangling telephone bell under a modernization drive now under way by the British general post office.

Post office laboratories also have developed a new lightweight underwater telephone cable which it plans to lay between Scotland and Canada next year.

The familiar telephone ring will definitely disappear when Britain's new electronic telephone system starts operating some time next year.

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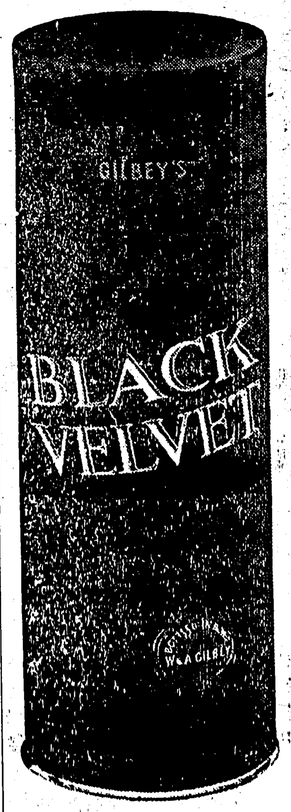

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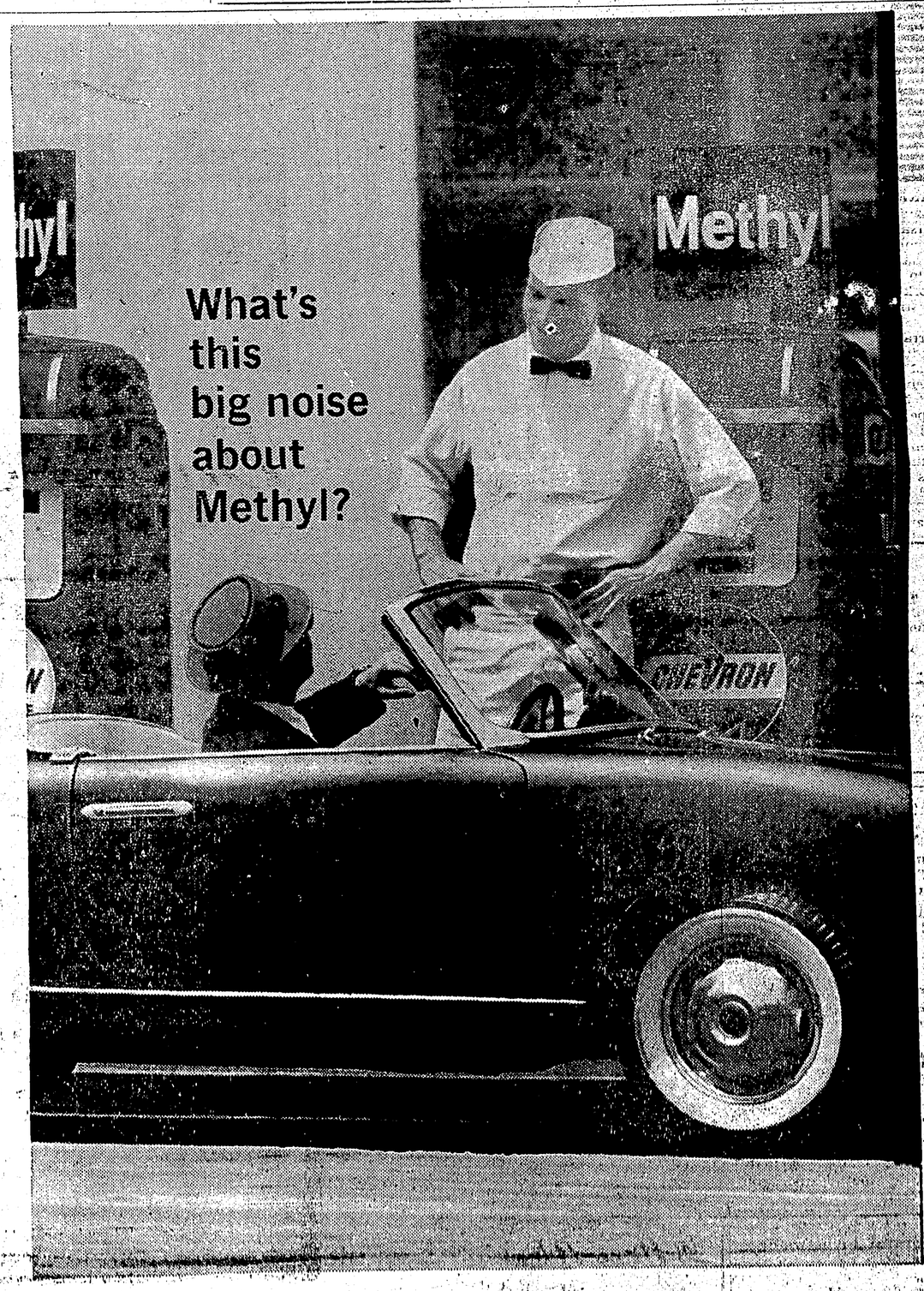

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