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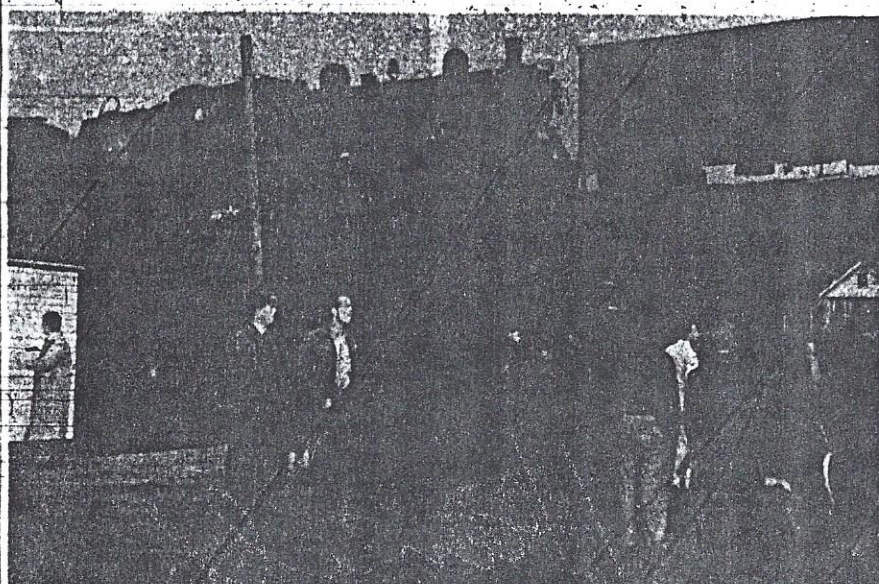
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PLUNGE TO STREET — When a fast Sarnia-bound freight last night crashed into a local freight three blocks west of the C.N.R. station in Woodstock, box cars were hurled along the right-of-way like matchsticks. One, as is shown, here, plunged over a trestle and crashed some 40 feet to Butler Street which runs under the bridge. The engine on the embankment is part of one of the two wrecking trains that were rushed to the scene to clear the lines. No traffic was using the street when the car hurtled through the trestle guardrail shortly after 11 o'clock last night.

Union Members Accept Contract
Offering Boost
Dispute Settled Without Conciliation

An immediate wage increase ranging from nine to 15 1/2 cents an hour and union security are the main clauses of a proposed contract accepted by the 3,200-member A.F.L. Teamsters Union in province-wide balloting over the week-end.

The union and the Automotive Transport Association, representing major provincial transport companies, reached agreement in principle after nine months of negotiations. The settlement was reached without recourse to the conciliation board under the chairmanship of Leonard Brockington, prominent Ottawa King's counsel, who was scheduled to begin hearings in the dispute shortly.

Dock men will receive a wage increase of nine cents an hour. Other hourly rated employees including city drivers, checkers, maintenance men and mechanics will get a wage boost of 12 cents an hour. Six cents of the increase is retroactive to July 1 of this year; the remainder is effective from October 1, 1950. The previous rate was 92 cents an hour.

Additional Three Cents
Effective March 1, 1951, an additional three cents an hour will be paid to the 3,200 employees according to the proposed contract which will run from July 1, 1950 to December 31, 1951.

Some 800 men in the Hamilton area, including Chrysler, Kitchener, Waterloo and Brantford, are affected by the agreement, James Groat (Continued on page 8, column 5)

Twice Hero, Boy Aged 12 Rescues Girl From Well
Richard Jackson Hears Screams, Climbs Down Stones Lining Shaft

A young hero, whose prompt and courageous action was responsible for saving from drowning a little girl who had fallen down a 20-foot well, was today unconcernedly attending Notre Dame School in Watertown. He is 12-year-old Richard Jackson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Jackson of Snake Road, Watertown.

Overbalanced
It was on Sunday morning that little Joan Simpson, daughter of Mrs. Edna Simpson, went to draw a bucket of water from the well on William Howden's farm. She lowered the bucket on the end of a chain to the water 20 feet below, and when the bucket was filled began to pull it up the well. It was too heavy for her to raise to the surface and when it was half way up the shaft, Joan lost her balance and the weight of the falling bucket dragged her over the parapet and she fell into the water below.

Her screams were heard by young Richard, who was having his breakfast in his home near-by. He raced to the well and with great presence of mind climbed down the wall shaft on the stones which jutted out from the wall.

He managed to maintain his balance, although the foothold was precarious, and reaching out caught the little girl who was about to sink again under the water. He held her until his father arrived and she could be brought to the surface.

It was not the first time that Richard had shown his courage. Two years ago, when he was only 10, he dashed into a blazing market house his home and saved from certain death two dogs which



JOAN SIMPSON

were trapped in the basement. The flames destroyed the supermarket. Joan, who is eight, suffered from shock as a result of her terrifying experience. Like Richard, she is a pupil at Notre Dame School.

Ontario Barbers Attend Annual Convention Here
Trade Matters To Be Discussed

The annual convention of the Ontario Barbers' Association opened today in Hamilton with about 85 delegates from all parts of the province present to take part in the discussions.

Today, only the delegates will attend the two-day convention but tomorrow's meeting will be open to all barbers, whether they are members of the O.B.A. or not.

The members will discuss new methods of hair cutting and dressing, pre-apprenticeship training and other matters pertaining to the trade. One of their major projects is the enforcing of certificates for all barbers.

The day is coming, O.B.A. officials said, when every barber will be forced to display a certificate, proof of ability as a barber. Such is not the case today. Barbers feel the trade will suffer unless a standard is set and maintained.

An invitation has been extended to all barbers in this locale to attend tomorrow's meetings in Fischer's Hotel starting at 10 o'clock.

One thing is certain, the barbers will be the sign of the trade. The barber's pole, the barber's pole is a relic of the days when the callings of barber and surgeon were combined. The candy-striped pole is symbolic of the winding of a handkerchief around a person's arm previous to blood-letting.

The gilt knob on the pole represents the barber's brass basin. The art of barbering is first mentioned in the Bible.

Crushed Under Steel Boxcar

R. C. Valentine, 27, Dies When Two Freight Smashes; Damage Heavy

By John Robinson

A Hamilton brakeman, R. C. Valentine, 27, was almost immediately killed under the weight of a steel boxcar late last night when a Sarnia-bound high-balling-through C.N.R. freight ploughed into another C.N.R. freight as it edged out on to the main line at a siding three blocks west of the C.N.R. station in Woodstock.

Chewed Up Tracks

The crash, which strewn steel wreckage for hundreds of yards along the track and chewed up lengths of both east and west-bound rails, took place at two minutes after 11 o'clock when a local freight, pulled up at the flour plant, started to edge onto the main track. The freight, made up of 11 loaded and seven empty cars, was struck just back of its first car. Mr. Valentine was standing beside the local and he was pinned under a box car which was hurled on its side by the force of the impact.

It took workmen who were rushed to the scene nearly two hours to remove his body from the wreckage. Another Hamilton railwayman, Carman Norris, also a brakeman, was standing with Mr. Valentine when he saw the approaching freight and yelled a warning. "Hey Val, we had better start running," Mr. Norris managed to dash in safety with seconds to spare but his companion was caught.

The scene at dawn as the sun came up showed a picture of almost complete havoc. Almost a dozen empty and full boxcars, oil tankers and coal cars were lying brokenly either on

Arena Vote Coming Up At Council

Important Projects To Be Discussed

The arena question goes before City Council tonight in two parts.

Board of Control is recommending: 1. That a money by-law be submitted to the electors, Wednesday, December 6, for the issue of debentures for \$1,750,000 for the purpose of erecting an arena suitable for ice attraction and adaptable to large gatherings.

2. That a plebiscite be submitted to the electors on the same day on the question of the construction of an auditorium and gymnasium being added to the proposed arena.

Mountains Access

Also discussed will be the proposed first step in solving the Mountain access problem. Board of Control will ask that a money by-law be submitted to the electors for the issue of \$850,000 worth of debentures to cover the cost of three projects.

The widening, regrading, paving and other related work for the construction of a four-lane highway on John Street South, Arkelton Avenue and the Jolley Cut Road to Concession Street and Wellington Street.

A survey to determine the alignment of the proposed Claremont Drive extension and design was proposed over-pass over Arkelton Avenue to join Claremont Drive with (Continued on page 8, column 5)

Credit Buying Up Ten Per Cent In Local Stores
Last Minute Rush Before New Rules

Credit sales in Hamilton jumped an estimated 10 per cent yesterday, as buyers sought to purchase major items before new credit restraints go into effect tomorrow.

At the Hamilton Credit Bureau, activity yesterday afternoon equalled that of a Saturday. Saturday is usually from 10 to 15 per cent higher in credit volume than week days.

A downtown automobile company manager said he had noticed some interest on the part of would-be motorists who attempted to buy cars before a one-third down payment is required. However, there was no great rush to buy every car in the city, he added.

A department store credit manager thought that sales had been high yesterday because of impending restrictions. How much effect newly announced regulations had on buying, though, he could not say.

Both yesterday and today, some stores advertised the last opportunity to buy on credit before new regulations go into effect tomorrow.



R. C. VALENTINE

or beside the torn up rails. In each case the bodies of the cars had been torn from their axles and wheels, leaving them piled-up on what had once been a smooth roadbed.

One boxcar rolled down a steep embankment and rested on its top, another boxcar had plummeted after it and had piled onto its roof so that despite the steepness of the slope the two cars piled one on top of the other, rose above the level of the roadbed.

Through Rail

Still a third boxcar had plunged through a guard rail on a trestle over Butler Street, sheared off two telephone poles and plunged 40 feet to the road below. The street was almost completely blocked off by the car, which rested on its side, just two feet from the offices of a lumber company. The road itself was covered with pieces of guard rail, twisted sections of freight and crumbled masonry torn off the side of the

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Court Impounds Bank Accounts

Toronto, Oct. 31, (CP) — In a ruling considered rare in legal circles, a court yesterday ruled Steve Butryn and Leonard Bernhart, both of Hamilton, may not hope to escape their otherwise drawn money from their Hamilton bank accounts until November 6. Each is accused of two bank robberies.

Builds Himself New House At Age Of 87

Allan Eaton, of Carleton Place, one of that district's United Empire Loyalist pioneer settlers, will tomorrow observe his eighty-seventh birthday—working on construction of a new home for his wife and himself. It is not because they need the home, but because, as Mr. Eaton explains,