

# Special Coaches For All Cripples

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HALIFAX — Under the best conditions, it's hard enough to build a dream into reality. Imagine how the difficulties are multiplied when you are paralyzed, blind, in almost constant pain and barely able to move your lips.

Walter Callow, who wants Canada's wheel-chair patients to share the pleasures of the man on the street, has hurdled these difficulties. Now he is moulding his ambition into what looks like a "sure thing."

A Callow-designed coach has just been delivered here from an Ontario manufacturing plant. It is another cog in the machinery which Callow hopes will revolutionize the lives of wheel-chair sufferers.

He now has three custom-built coaches and by 1954 expects to have enough—perhaps 150—to look after every crippled person in Canada.

Now 57, Callow knows what these coaches can mean. He was at his best during the First World War but was severely injured in 1917 in the old Royal Flying

Corps when his plane cracked up during a test flight.

The crash ruined his career as a promising mechanical expert and made him a helpless patient. He became paralyzed and blind.

But 21 years in bed failed to break his indomitable spirit. He has the drive of two ordinary men; works 14 hours a day and keeps four secretaries busy during the winter.

"The new coach will be as smooth as a high-class Pullman," Mr. Callow said in an interview. "Sounds boastful, does it not? But it isn't."

It has airplane hydraulic shock absorbers, and the springs were custom-built in Montreal. Over-drive and five-speed transmission make it accelerate like a passenger car. There's nothing like it in its class in North America.

Even the wheelchairs, which enter the special vehicle by a hydraulic-operated ramp, are fitted with pneumatic tires.

A recent survey at the Nova Scotia hospital where most patients are mental cases showed that some 130 of the 400 patients could be taken out on

occasions. Callow's buses took them to the local baseball games.

"Doctors claimed it was not only good recreation, but the best treatment they could have," he said. "It put them back into circulation."

## MANY OUTINGS

The coaches carry polio-stricken children, crippled veterans and invalids to hockey and baseball games, and on excursions into the country. It is believed that every wheel-chair patient in Nova Scotia and New Brunswick has been on at least one outing this year.

Ernie MacLellan of Bass River, N.S., is a good example. Ernie, a veteran of Halifax's Camp Hill Hospital, broke his back and was "out" three times in nine years. Last year, in Callow's buses, he made 22 trips throughout the province.

George Mumford of Halifax is another. George, now 29, became paralyzed at the age of six. He never left home in 21 years. Then a Callow bus took him to a local art school. The school's principal says George will be earning his own living in a year.

# Blackwood on Bridge

By Easley Blackwood

When Mr. Muzzy doubled Mr. Masters' opening grand slam bid, Mr. Dale feared his luck in this rubber had run out. He thought briefly of sacrificing at seven spades but quickly abandoned this idea and sat back to await his fate.

It is hard to criticize Mr. Masters' bid of seven hearts. With any kind of a decent break he would have made it easily. As the adverse cards were distributed, however, he had to play his best to go down only two tricks.

Mr. Muzzy opened the king of spades and groaned loudly when Mr. Masters ruffed it. It's typical of Mr. Muzzy to believe that Mr. Masters would open with a seven bid with a quick loser in his hand.

At trick two Mr. Masters laid down the ace of diamonds. It appeared to him that unless the diamonds broke 3-2 the contract would not be made. Actually, he would have been worse off if he had taken out all of Mr. Muzzy's trumps.

Mr. Muzzy ruffed this trick and led the ace of spades. Mr. Masters ruffed with the 10 of hearts. Now he cashed the ace of clubs and then led the king of diamonds, deliberately letting Mr. Muzzy ruff again.

This time Mr. Muzzy led back a trump. Mr. Masters won in his own hand and led a small diamond. He ruffed in dummy with the nine of hearts while Mr. Muzzy discarded a club. Dummy's king and queen of clubs were led and the two remaining small diamonds discarded from the closed hand.

Mr. Masters was able to re-enter his hand by ruffing a club and to draw Mr. Muzzy's remaining trumps. The rest of his hand was good—but he was down two.

"I knew I had 'em beat," said Mr. Muzzy gleefully. "YOU had 'em beat!" sneered Mr. Champion. "Why, if I had held the jack-10 of diamonds you could have taken that ace king of spades of yours and..." "Whoa! Hold it!" said Mr. Masters. "Don't let it get you. Our luck will change."

"Just so it does before Muzzy drives me nuts," Mr. Champion muttered.

## TOO OBLIGING

MONTREAL — Maurice Leclerc was too obliging for his own good when he volunteered to drive an American tourist's car while visiting Montreal. He was fined \$20 for driving the car without a permit and blowing the horn for no good reason. He said he "was just trying to be friendly."

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Miss Head, a size 12 herself, is warring against the "little girl look" for females over 10 years of age.

She's also on the firing line against sraegirls who come up with: "Darling, that makes you look sexy."

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you get him hitched," comments Miss Head.  
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As an example, she cited Shelley Winters in "A Place in the Sun" based on Dreiser's "An American Tragedy."

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