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EDITORIAL

Does It Need An Inquest? . . .

It is remarkable that some one has not been killed or injured by the service trucks that go careening at great speed around the corners of the downtown streets these days regardless of the right side of the road and the silent policemen signs that they are supposed to round. who spent such a long time mend- that it went over very well cleaver One of these days or nights soon just that thing is going ing and remending the old one. It wilson was quite ill with the 'flu ac to happen and we feel compelled to draw attention to the matter once more without delay before it is too late and some fatality becomes sub judice. There are numerous one person in town, besides myself, usual willing self and, with her accorners where notorious disregard of the traffic signs is repeatedly going on. One of the worst of these corners is Third Avenue and Fulton Street within a few feet of in the bosom of his family. He has tertainment. the police station. Another is Third Avenue and Second Street. Still another is Third Avenue and McBride Street. Second Avenue and Sixth Street is also bad.

There is no excuse for the practice to continue. The worst offenders appear to be the trucks of the defence project authorities which there is no reason to believe should not be just as subject to the traffic regulations as the rest of us are.

It should not be necessary to appeal to the authorities concerned to see that the safety of the public is to some extent regarded. They should have a sufficient enough sense of responsibility to attend to it without a coroner's jury having one of these days to castigate them.

The same warning might go to others whose case it fits.

It also looks like the time is ripe for some sort of point or signal light system at the intersections here.

Two Freedoms Menaced...

The two pillars which support the edifice of our liberty are freedom of speech and a free press says the Gazette of Montreal. A blow is being struck at both of them, insidiously but nonetheless destructively. Canadian democracy is under attack, and by those upon whom the people of Canada have relied to protect and preserve it. The facts are these. When the Government decided to impose restraints upon the consumption of alcoholic beverages and beer its measures included prohibition of the advertising of these products. The quarrel is not with that prohibition.

The official interpretation under which this ban is to operate defines "advertisement" as including "any notice, announcement, or information." The word "publish" for the purposes of the order, "means to communicate to any person or persons by any means whatsoever." It is possible that these interpretations are the result of excessive zeal on the part of a drafting official, but they have the effect of law and they strike at freedom of speech and freedom of newspaper comment. The construction put upon the word "publish" is absurd, but the newspapers and people of Canada are obliged to accept and abide by it unless they are ready, and unless Parliament is ready, to assert and defend a fundamental democratic right.

"To communicate to any person or persons by any means whatever" goes a long way beyond the insertion of an advertisement. It could mean, literally it does mean, that the products which are not to be advertised must not be discussed between two persons, or any number of persons, meeting on the street, sitting in their homes, or conversing by telephone. It is a proposition hitherto unknown outside the boundaries of the Third Reich, where it has been common enough. It is the end of freedom of speech. This happens in Canada—a nation fighting for freedom.

An advertisement includes "information." Under its official ruling no newspaper may comment editorially or otherwise upon the operations of the brewing or distilling industries, since this would be to publish information -normally the most legitimate function of a newspaper. It is an abridgement of the freedom of the press which, if permitted now, can be carried into any other sphere and to whatever length it may suit the Government to go.

Any one violating these extraordinary regulations is made liable to a fine of \$5,000 or imprisonment for two vears, or both. There is a great issue, one of supreme importance, before the Canadian public, their newspaners and their Parliament. If they are to stop this encroachment upon their freedom, and are to prevent others, they must act, vigorously and now.

EARLY BALLOONING

LINSEED OIL

The first balloon ascension in Linseed oil can be more easily America took place at Philadelphia absorbed by humans than any in 1793. other fat.

ACTIVITIES OF Y.M.C.A. AND Y.W.C.A.

By DOROTHY GARBUTT The Hostess

Annual Meeting of Local Organization Held Recently-George Eckerman, Vice-president

terday's column. I can't flatter my- at its annual meeting, elected J. and the kindest of ladies saw to it chicken soup, thin slices of bread and butter, home preserved peaches. Heavenly days! It was good after eating out so long. Almost tempted me to stay in bed and play sick come back with some very "Proud the success of the affair consisted beyond the allotted span!

a fortnight so he can't say he is doesn't mind. overworked. Also he has bought who was glad to hear of it.

Little Is Head Of Shrine Club

Sorry, folks, that I missed yes- The Prince Rupert Shrine Club self that I disappointed you but Little as president in succession when I start a thing I like to keep to Inspector Ernest Gammon who and enjoyable dance on Friday it going. However, Old Man 'Flu has completed his term of office George Eckerman is the new vice-president. John Dybhavn was re-elected secretary-treasurer and the executive also includes Inspector Gammon, Dr. C. H. Hankinson and Gilbert Campbell.

Papa" snaps of himself and the of Mrs. Frank Morrison, Mrs. D. V Carl Clay wrote to the Macken- young lady of his affections, Julie Smith, Mrs. G. Gell, Mrs. A. Barbe, zies today and reports enjoying his Anne Kathleen Gibson, aged four Mrs. L. Garner, Mrs. A. Peterson post at Nanaimo. He is in charge months. She's a real brown-eyed and Mrs. Norman Moorehouse. of entertainment and so far is only beauty and is she photogenic! She called upon to give a concert once steals every snapshot but father

Too bad I wasn't on hand to do himself a new overcoat! It's the a spot of reporting as to Sunday truth—and not before time, say I, night's concert but they tell me must have been something pretty the time but, like a real trouper, drastic, Carl, to make you really he said "the show must go on" so make up your mind to it. I know go on it did. Mrs. Black was her companying and Cleaver as master Well, it is nice to have our Rob- of ceremonies, the numbers were ert back with us after his holiday whipped into a fine evening's en-

Rebekah Dance Is Enjoyable

Splendid Affair Held Friday Night In Oddfellows' Hall to Mark St. Valentine's Occasion

In the Oddfellows' Hall which was tastefully decorated for the occasion with white streamers and red hearts for Valentine effect, the Rebekahs held a very successful There was a service yesterday af- the home of her daughter. night. About 150 persons were present and dancing was in full sway ciating. from 9:30 p.m. until 1:30 a.m. Excellent music was furnished by the Aristocrats Orchestra and L. G. Hilder was master of ceremonies.

refreshments were served. The committee responsible for

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Prince Rupert, B.C.

Funeral Will Be Held at Massett

The remains of thirteen-year-old Dorreen Primrose Young, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Young, whose death occurred at the weekend at the home of the family on Seventh Avenue West, are being Mrs. H. E. Alton and a resident. forwarded tonight to Massett Prince Rupert for the past two where the funeral will take place. years, passed away yesterday ternoon at the B.C. Undertakers' Eleventh Street. Mrs. Harvey Chapel with Alfred Adams offi- was eighty-four years of age

Soldiers' Party Just before midnight delicious Disturbs Council

During the opening stages of the regular weekly meeting of the city council last evening sounds of revelry from without ascended to the of the city hall, reaching such proportions that Ald. Robert McKay was constrained to complain, proceeding downstairs himself to the police station to see if something could not be done about it.

It was not long before quiet was restored. The alderman explained that soldiers, about to leave Prince Rupert, were celebrating the occasion with an outdoor party under the hillside near the City Hall. It was soon broken up by the

Mrs. Alton's Mother Dies

Mrs. Suzanne Harvey Passes V At Ripe Age of Eighty-four

Mrs. Suzanne Harvey, mother esteemed by many friends who regret to learn of her passing was a widow and a native of o tario. She came west from Onter to Kamloops where she resided fore coming here in 1931.

The remains will be taken morrow morning by Mr. and M. Alton to Kamloops where ment will be made.

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Gasoline Rationing Plan Goes into Effect

APBIL FIRST

NDER a new gasoline rationing plan, effective on April 1, all non-commercial vehicle owners will be allowed a basic "AA" gasoline license and ration coupon book, containing 40 coupons for a passenger car, or 16 for a motorcycle. Owners of vehicles eligible for a special category, who can prove their need, will be granted an extra vocational allowance, fixed in advance for the year ending March 31, 1944.

The extra allowance for a special category car will be tailored to meet individual needs. In determining this allowance, the previous category and mileage of the car will not be considered. Instead the vocational allowance will be based on two factors: (1) the gravity of the oil shortage with which Canada is faced, and (2) the importance of the vehicle to its owner in a country at war.

The extra vocational coupons will be issued in books labelled "Special," and each such book will contain not more than 60 coupons. Only one "Special" book, or portion of such book, will be issued at a time, and hence the case history of each special category applicant will be under constant review. Under provisions of the rationing order, the Oil Controller has the right to refuse any application for a special category, or to suspend any ration book for an infraction of the regulations.

Under the new system, all commercial vehicles also will be rationed. Details of interest to the owners of such vehicles will appear in an advertisement in this newspaper tomorrow.

After April 1, service station attendants must not honour 1942-1943 gasoline coupons. They will not be permitted to serve gasoline to a car which does not bear a sticker indicating the category of the book submitted at the time of the purchase. The Category "AA" sticker will be found inside the ration book. The special category sticker will be supplied with the first "Special" book. No sticker will be required on motorcycles.

Procedure to be followed by applicant for Category "AA" or "Motorcycle" category:

- 1. Secure your Category "AA" application form at your nearest Post Office.
- 2. Obtain your 1943 motor vehicle license plates from the nearest issuer in your province.
- 3. Submit properly completed application form, together with motor vehicle permit and registration fee of \$1, to the issuer of motor vehicle license plates.
- 4. From the issuer you will receive your Category "AA" or "Motorcycle" ration book, and the return of your motor vehicle permit endorsed to show that a ration book has been issued.
- 5. Affix your "AA" sticker to your car windshield.

Procedure to be followed by applicant for special category:

(Only registered owners of passenger-type vehicles-other than commercial motorcycles, buses, taxicabs, and drive-yourself carswho must of necessity use their cars in essential business, are eligible to apply for a special category.)

- 1. Secure your application forms for both Category "AA" and special category from nearest Post Office.
- 2. Obtain your Category "AA" ration book.
- 3. After it is properly and accurately completed, mail your special category application form to the nearest Regional Oil Control Office, along with your motor vehicle permit.
- 4. If you are granted a special category, turn to the first page of your "Special" ration book, where you will find a notation of the number of units you will be allowed for the year ending March 31, 1944. On the basis of this allowance, plan your year's driving.
- 5. Affix your special category sticker on your windshield.

When you receive your ration book, guard it carefully. It may not be replaced if, because of your negligence, it is lost or stolen. Do not leave it in your car; keep it on your person at all times.

THE DEPARTMENT OF MUNITIONS AND SUPPLY

HONOURABLE C. D. HOWE, Minister

Clip and keep this advertisement for future reference.

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