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Obey the Traffic Laws

SOME 1,800 school children will begin their summer vacation here today and once again it is important that motorists heed traffic regulations. Let's make sure the youngsters are protected.

In particular, motorists should pay stricter attention to pedestrians crossing streets in crosswalks. The crosswalks were marked out for a reason.

Many motorists seem to be of the opinion that they have the right-of-way and even honk their horns at citizens crossing the streets, forcing them to run for their lives.

Remember, children are not as cautious as the grown-ups and may not step back when indignant motorists decide to honk their horns and continue along the street.

No motorist need to be in such a hurry. The speed limit on Second and Third avenues is 20 miles per hour, and a second, one way or another, taken to save a life is well worth while.

Yet at least two motorists travelling along Third Avenue yesterday afternoon—one a taxi, the other a small truck—forced pedestrians to step lively in order to save their lives. On both occasions the pedestrians were in clear view of the autoists and were crossing the street in crosswalks.

Let's stop this sort of road "courtesy." Let's not kill or cripple someone because we don't obey the traffic rules.



As I See It

BY

Elmore Philpott

• Welcome Big Converts

REGULAR READERS are aware that for years back I have hammered away in this column for an entirely new kind of trade deal with Britain.

I even ran as an independent in a 1949 by-election to focus attention on the plan. I spoke about it at many factory-gate meetings, at country crossroads, street corners, by loud speaker.

But it did not get maximum attention until Rt. Hon. Harold Wilson praised the plan in the British House of Commons—and had the unusual experience of having his speech commended not only by his own Labor associates but also by the Rt. Hon. Anthony Eden.

THIS IS preliminary to shouts of joy that the leaders of two Canadian political parties have signified their intention of doing whatever they can to help remove the snags to Canadian exports to Britain.

Hon. George Drew said at Guelph: "Our program will include bold and constructive steps to break the dollar-pound barrier and regain our vital British and Commonwealth."

Mr. Coldwell, at Melfort, Saskatchewan, pointed out that "agricultural sales to the U.K. had dropped 30 per cent from 1949 to 1952." The CCF leader also promised energetic but unspecified steps to restore this lost trade.

IT IS of course quite unfair to Liberals to suggest that they are not as anxious as anybody else to regain our lost markets in Britain.

For instance, the Hon. Jimmy Sinclair not long ago succeeded in selling no less than 200,000 cases of B.C. salmon to Britain. Also, it will take more than good election speeches to remove the obstacles. Surely the whole country will await with keen interest word from George Drew specifying just what are those "bold and constructive steps." Let's all know about them, now.

HERE are some real snags:
1. The British government, even under Churchill's Conservatives, will not permit its citizens to buy foods, or other neutral products, wherever they choose. All import trade must fit into an overall government plan.

BIG STAMPEDE
CALGARY — The annual Calgary Stampede July 6 to 11 will be officially opened by N. Christie, pioneer Calgary business man and sportsman who is a life director of the Calgary Exhibition and Stampede.



LT.-COL. S. C. WATERS, 33, of Edmonton will take over command of the 2nd battalion of the Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry in October. He now is a member of the directing staff at the Canadian Army staff college at Kingston, Ont. He will succeed Lt.-Col. J. R. Stone, 44, of Salmon Arm, B.C., who will become chief instructor at the Royal Canadian school of infantry at Camp Borden, Ont.

THE LETTERBOX

STAY AT HOME

The Editor,
The Daily News:
Ode to Mr. Bennett.
Our hearts grow not the fonder
As far away you wander
Stay at home and clear our debt
Is the way the voters said it.

If you break faith with us the people
We'll vote no more for Social Credit
Charity begins right her at home
Now to work is the moral of this poem.

EDWARD W. GREEN,
Prince George.

Western Australia, one of the six Australian states, covers an area of 975,000 square miles.

OTTAWA DIARY

By Norman M. MacLeod

Albert's Ottawa oasis, the preferred meeting place of Parliamentarians seeking liquid refreshments, is a warm spot these days. It isn't just the June heat wave, which the air-conditioning system takes care of fairly efficiently. It's rather the heat of political argument, for which no cooling device can be found.

Albert, whose temperament is philosophical, likes the argument to remain on an intellectual plane, with the niceties of dignity and decorum duly preserved. He believes firmly in the old saying that every question has at least two sides. He'll sit attentive and approving so long as the conversation debates the merits of public issues. But when it sinks to abuse and quarrelsomeness he becomes uncomfortable and restive.

No so Artie, his waiter. Under Artie's correct if nondescript appearance a mischievously subversive trait lurks. His manner rarely betrays his feelings. But he's really bored and a bit depressed by police argument. But at any display of elemental spirits he immediately perks up.

Hence Artie wasn't sharing Alberta's satisfaction in hearing two Liberal MPs agree that it would be in the public interest if the St. Laurent government lost a few seats—but not too many—in this election.

"A smaller majority would keep the government right on its toes," one Liberal MP said.

The other agreed and added: "We got too many seats in 1949; our majority has enabled the government to steamroller the Opposition, all right. The only trouble is that it has steamrollered its own private members in the process."

On Albert's listening ear the conversation struck a correct note. It wasn't narrowly partisan but broad and tolerant. It generously conceded that upon the Opposition party an important mission rested. Albert had little difficulty in concluding that the two Liberals had real statesmanship in their make-up.



COL. R. L. PURVES, 40, of Victoria will be promoted to Brigadier and become chief of staff of central command in September. For the last two years Col. Purves has been chief of staff and assistant military attaché at Washington. He will be succeeded in Washington by Col. H. L. Meuser, 40, of Regina and Ottawa.

ZOOKEEPER RETIRING—ALLERGIC TO ANIMALS

DENVER, Colo. (AP)—After 17 years' service as zookeeper, George H. Roseman, 71, is retiring—he is allergic to animals.

At least that is what the doctor says. Roseman isn't too sure. All he knows is that he chokes up when he gets near Rosie, the elephant. Roseman was about ready to retire anyway, so he doesn't bear any malice toward Rosie for putting the wheeze on him.

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