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Control Your Speed

CAN you make quick decisions? If you can't, you had better stay off the highway and streets over the Dominion Day holiday tomorrow.

It has been estimated that the average motorist has to make from 20 to 50 decisions per hour, depending on the traffic, and a wrong decision can be fatal. In heavy traffic, like that during holidays, a driver is never more than a second away from an accident.

The increasing number of new cars on the road and the substantial rise in gasoline consumption, plus the fact that many summer vacationists will use the holiday as the beginning of their regular vacation periods, means extra care should be taken.

Each year the holiday toll grows and a united effort by drivers and organizations should be taken to increase public awareness of the extra holiday hazards and the extra caution needed to overcome them.

Excessive speed contributes to one out of three fatal traffic accidents.

Speed control is the personal responsibility of every driver. A heavy foot on the throttle can mean a heavy heart for someone.

Start early on long motor trips to reduce the temptation to speed.

Here are a few tips: Obey common sense as well as legal speed limits. Keep your car under control at all times, so you can stop quickly if circumstances demand. Keep fresh and alert at the wheel; you can't make split-second decisions if you're tired and fuzzy. Keep a safe, clear stopping distance between you and the car ahead. Watch cars behind in your rear-view mirror. Signal for turns well before turning. Avoid abrupt stops. Slow down at sundown, and be sure you can stop within the range of your lights.

If you follow these rules, you'll live to enjoy the holiday and avoid any grief by death or possible injury to yourself or passengers in your car.

Ray REFLECTS and REMINISCES

Every time we buy something for a song, there's pretty sure to be the cost of an accompaniment.

A British ship owner says the day is coming fast when giant passenger ships will be replaced by jet air liners. Nevertheless, not as fast as he thinks. For there are millions of people who like the sea well enough not to leave it.

When friend wife steers him toward salads in mid-summer, there's any number of men fully prepared to eat like a horse, kick like a steer and become more bawdy than a mule. Somehow both happen to be wrong guesses.

THAT FAMILIAR SOUND
A man in Edinburgh who makes bags for bagpipes says

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As I See It



by
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Three Fine Leaders

AS I LISTENED to the two big party leaders over the radio the other night I thought to myself how lucky we are in Canada to have at the top men of such calibre.

The Prime Minister is a fine man, who literally and visibly radiates goodwill.

He heads an administration that in the eyes of at least 90 per cent of foreign observers is by and large one of the best in the entire world. In foreign affairs Canada is rightly recognized as being a key peace-maker. It is no accident that Canada's Minister of External Affairs heads the General Assembly of the UN, and that but for the Russian veto he would now be Secretary-General of the entire world peace organization.

But in the eyes of most outside observers it is Canada's financial administration that wins most applause. While the U.S. is plunging headlong into debt, while France remains in never ending crisis, and while Britain under either Labor or Conservatives, cannot make ends meet, Canada has done really great things. Canada has had almost full employment, has put through a vast armament program—and yet has paid off well over one billion dollars worth of national debt in the past four years—and given universal pensions to boot.

BUT UNDER true democracy you cannot get good government unless you have a strong opposition, which is a government-in-waiting.

There comes a time in the life of every democracy when it is "time for a change," time to give the old team a rest, and time to put in the other team. You cannot do that unless you have another team, well led, and ready and waiting to do its job in the national interest.

Sooner or later that time comes in every democracy—and this just may be George Drew's time.

ANYWAY, this piece is mainly to say that I think Canada will continue to get government which ranks very high.

I think we will get that even if "Uncle Louis" stays in there even till he is as old as the grand old Prime Minister in Britain. But I also think we will get good government if the voters decide that it is time to give the Liberals a rest and to put back in there the fine historic party, which was mainly responsible for the scattered Canadian colonies being joined together.

LIKE Messrs. St. Laurent and Drew, Mr. Coldwell has won the respect of all Canada. What is more, he has won the affection of masses of the people, including some who never cast a CCF vote, because they knew it could not carry Canada in its lifetime.

I think most Canadians agree with me on this at least—that the stable two-party system works best in any democracy. But if for any reason it happens again in the fifties as it happened in the twenties—that no one party wins a clear majority, a Liberal-CCF alliance might once again give Canada just as good government as it did in the earliest days of J. S. Woodsworth—and the famous Ginger Group.

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CAPT. J. P. DUFOUR of Chicoutimi, Que., a member of the Royal 22nd Regiment in Korea, shows how Chinese made use of a giant slingshot to hurl grenades at Canadian troops. The weapon was used by the Chinese against the Van Dooos on the forward slopes of one of their hill-top company positions on the western front in Korea.

Atomic Scientists Release Details Of Calandria's Delicate Funeral

CHALK RIVER, Ont. — The story of Calandria's funeral was officially told yesterday, a weird other-worldly tale of how atomic scientists removed and buried probably the biggest radioactive object man has handled.

In one long piece of delicate and grotesque surgery, the dead 2½-ton aluminum tank—officially known as the Calandria—which long held the guts of the world's best atomic reactor was lifted from the broken-down reactor and conducted to its grave.

The details were issued weeks after the event by Dr. C. J. MacKenzie, Canada's atomic chief.

Can-shaped Calandria's coffin was a giant canvas bag. Its hearse was a towing grader. Its grave consisted of a hole in the ground covered by heaps of sand. Its final salutes came from recording instruments which agitated wildly as it went by. Its attendants were supervisors who drove ahead in cars and health surveyors who drove along behind to see if Calandria was shedding dangerous radio-active contamination in its progress to the soil.

Everybody else kept out of sight.

GATE UNGUARDED

Even the main gate of this secretive atomic project stood unguarded for the first time in years as the funeral procession went through; this was probably the "hottest" corpse ever buried in Canada. The radiation field around it was equal in strength to that from half the radium ever produced. Nobody was hurt, mainly because the whole thing was handled with care and preparation that rehearsed every action before-hand.

This unique event in the world's atomic experience was one of the lost stages in the dismantling of the insides of the NRX reactor which broke down in December but now will be rebuilt better than ever—an important precedent in atomic science. It was a precedent because the five-year-old NRX was the first important reactor to reach the point of collapse.

WORK SAFE

The weeks since have shown, among other things, that work can be carried out safely in radiation fields once thought too strong for human safety.

American scientists and Canadian army and air force specialists in radiation detection took part in the funeral.

The tank known as Calandria was a cylinder-shaped object 10 feet high and eight feet in diameter and for five years it huddled inside the 35-foot-high reactor. Inside the Calandria in turn were the 178 uranium-containing rods which were the core of NRX's phenomenal atom-splitting, energy-releasing activity.

It was the bursting of some of these rods last December which laid NRX low and the rods were first removed by men working in short spurts behind respirators and protective clothing.

HONOR SCIENTIST

PRETORIA, South Africa (CP)—Dr. J. J. Theron of Pretoria University has been awarded the Hertzog Prize for 1953 for agricultural sciences and technique. The lecturer is an authority on soil fertility.

Every Member of Armed Forces Regardless Of Age Has Vote in Forthcoming Election

OTTAWA — Canada's record peacetime armed forces, now serving in six foreign lands, may bring some delayed-action changes in the pattern of election results which unfolds Aug. 16.

Every one of the 105,000 men and women in uniform—including the first 16-year-olds to vote legally since Confederation—will be entitled to vote wherever they are stationed.

But their ballots won't be added to the civilian totals in ridings of their choice until a week after election day because the counting of the ballots begins on the day after civilian polling day and will not be completed until the following Saturday.

Service votes have produced belated upsets before, notably in 1917 when 14 candidates elected by civilians were ousted by men in uniform and in 1945 when the then Prime Minister Mackenzie King was rejected in Prince Albert after seemingly being elected.

PRODUCED UPSETS

This year the numbers in uniform are 5,000 stronger than in wartime 1940, so it is quite conceivable that some close ridings will be affected by the soldier vote. Along with the forces in this delayed poll will be roughly 3,000 war veterans still in hospital and an unknown number of reserve-force personnel taking summer training away from home.

The system under which the forces will cast their ballots in Korea, Japan, France, Britain, Germany and Belgium as well as in military bases in Canada is basically the same as that which came into use in 1940 and was later used in the 1942 conscription plebiscite and in the 1945 and 1949 general elections.

But there are a number of differences between the 1949 and 1953 elections. For one thing, probably three times as many people in uniform will be entitled to vote this time. There were 40,000 regular troops in 1949 but only those 21 years of age and older could vote—unless any of those under 21 had been in the forces in 1945, a tiny category.

ALL ARE ELIGIBLE

Now, since the regular forces were placed on active service in September, 1950, every member is entitled to vote regardless of age. This even goes for some hundreds of 16-year-old apprentices in the army and navy.

They can vote in the constitu-

ency they lived in before enlisting or in the constituency where their military base is located or in the constituency where their wife or next-of-kin lives. But the choice is put down in writing before the election and is binding.

This system was devised to avoid repetition of the 1949 situation in Annapolis-Kings when the service vote upset a civilian victory for George Nowlan, Progressive Conservative. Mr. Nowlan protested and investigation showed that a considerable number of servicemen stationed in the riding wrongly had voted in that riding instead of for their home riding. Mr. Nowlan won on a revote.

HOW WIVES VOTE

Like any other civilians, the wives of servicemen will vote in the riding where they reside.

Another big change is that Canada now has roughly 20,000 men abroad or at sea compared to a handful in 1949. Two special voting territories are being established to take care of them.

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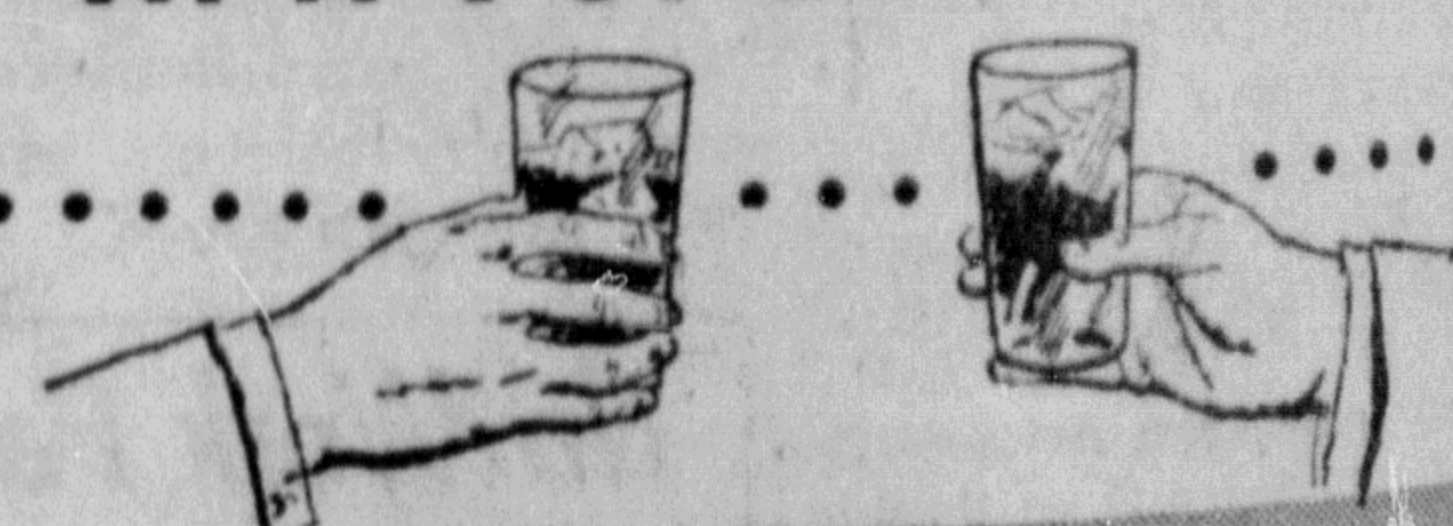
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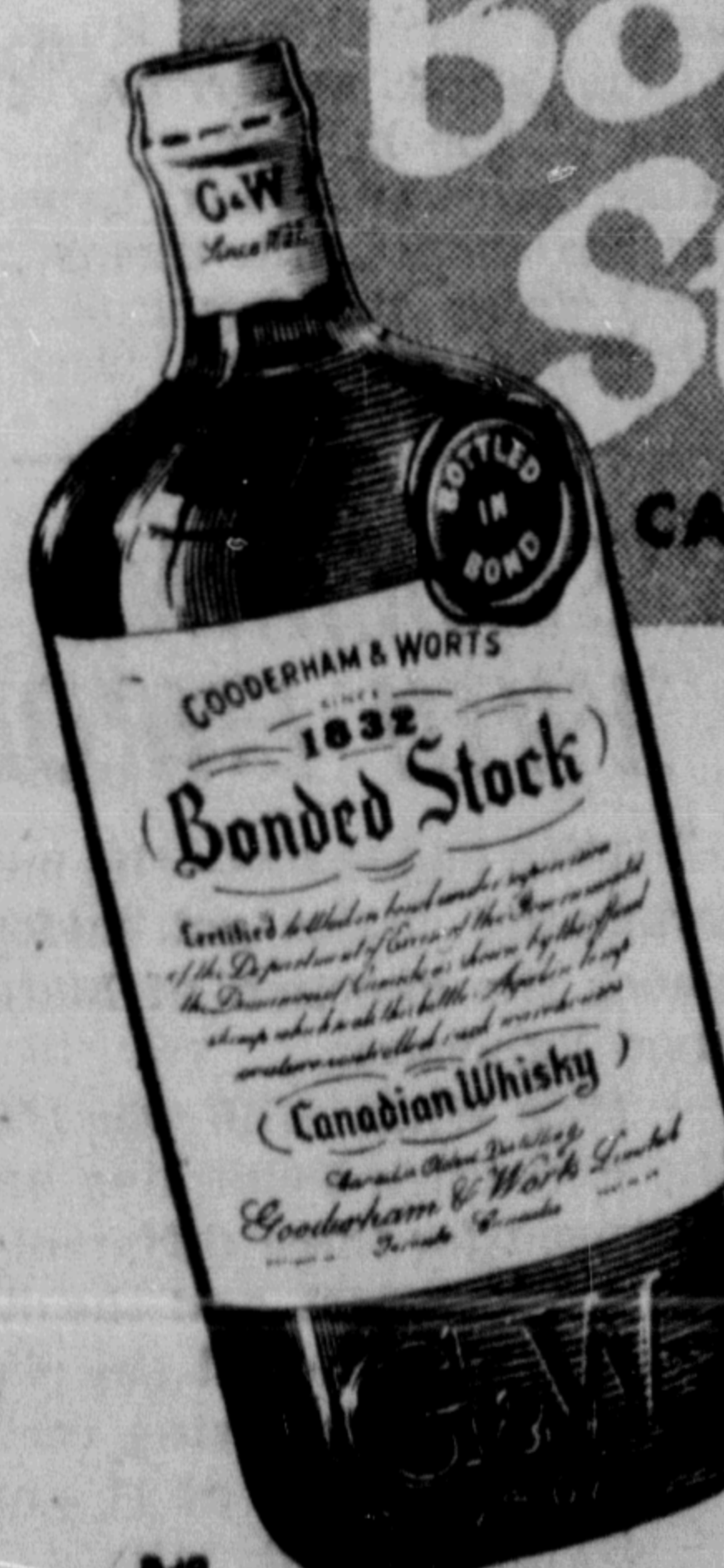
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