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Smithers Goes Ahead

WISE forward step has been taken by Smithers in undertaking fluoridation of its water supply. It is a great credit to a community of this size that it is pioneering the way for British Columbia in introducing this measure to improve dental health, particularly among children.

Not only is Smithers the first place in B.C. to homs, such as the rebukes to adopt the system, but it is also probably the first among communities of comparable size anywhere in Canada. The step reflects a growing awareness in Smithers that it is a town with a future and, as such has a responsibility for the well-being of the children who are its citizens of tomorrow.

Although the benefits of fluoridated water as a means of preventing tooth decay have been scientifically established, every community seems to have a group-that opposes the scheme with a variety of psuedo-scientific theories or personal prejudices. As in the case of most critics of anything progressive, these reactionaries are more vocal than the majority. They warn that fluoridation may have harmful effects despite the fact that no community using the system has ever experienced any. Disdaining this as an argument, the critics maintain that we still cannot be sure.

It would be a sad commentary on civilization it nothing new was ever done because of such a negative view. Against this unreasoning criticism of fluoridation, there is that established fact that water so treated has succeeded in reducing dental caries among children by as much as 75 per cent. In addition the chemical is colorless, tasteless and comparatively cheap to use. For Smithers the daily supply will be one to one and a half pounds of powder at i 13 cents per pound.

In Prince Rupert, where fluoridation is now being seriously discussed, we would do well to pay at-Lention to our progressive neighbor, Smithers. It has Acted where others have preferred to procrastinate. Its decisiveness is sure to pay off.

JULY 1 BECOMING SAD DAY AS ACCIDENTS TAKE BIG TOLL

Special To The Dally News

WINNIPEG-July 1, Canada's national holiday, is in danger of becoming one of the saddest days of the year, according to Canadian highway safety experts. As the beginning of a long holiday week-end, the day which all Canadians should ... represented to the coming a day of sorrow. In many homes.

" Many rules for sale driving have been announced but for this particular day, R. B. Balllie, vice-president of the American Association of Motor Vehicle Administrators, sums it all up in one short www.nce; Don't drive.

Mr. Bris. who is also commissioner of motor vehicles for Manitoba, says that staying at home is the best holiday policy, or, if you must travel, use public transportation.

However, he continues, if you insist on driving, you can greatly improve your chances for safe travel if you make these frank admissions to yourself:

• Admit your car ign't the fastest on the road. Don't try to pass all other vehicles.

• Admit you're tir.d. Stop every two hours for a cup of coffee and a leg stretch.

• Admit you're late. Don't try to make up lost time by

breaking speed and safety regulations. Be honest with yourself. Take it easy on the highway.

You'll live longer

OMAHA (4) -- Mrs. Della Pearson thought it was the neighborly thing to do. Now she's not so sure she was right when she granted a "nice man" the privilege of parking a road grader in the back yard.

The man paked only to yor highly darking. But now it's sown weeks lathing of the monetoff is Attagrentson, calls, it is still there.

Worse yet, she says she can't find out who owns it.

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Everybody agrees that Canada's Arctic frontier has become one of the most crucial danger spots in all the world.

2. Everybody agrees that the America from Russia would come through the air, across northern

3. Everybody agrees that the RCAF must play a larger and llarger part in the defence of Canada, and that the Canadian army and navy would almost certainly play a relatively less ment insurance. important role in any third world war, than they did in the first tawa, some women are cheating

There is general acceptance in dog seems routine by comparison. the proposition that we should ter as unemployed and start gradually transfer to Canada the collecting benefits. Rules demand air and land forces which we that they be ready to accept a now have in Germany.

many only because it was neces- wenches make themselves look sary to demonstrate to Russia as ugly as possible. than in the event of an attack in Europe, Canada would stand liamentary committeel it was but it's hard to see how the unwith the U.S.A. and Britain and alleged that such women delib- employment insurance staff can other western countries in re- erately muss themselves up and sisting such an attack.

But the admission of Germany nto NATO has changed that any. whole picture. The Germans have plenty of manpower. They nic fine soldiers. They can quickly organize a strong defence force which will make our token land force contingent unnecessary—in German 🕵 🔆

Our powerful ar division in Germany and France is in a slightly different category. It is vitally needed for the defence of western Europe and, as of now, night and every night. is equipped' with planes which are excellent for the task they would have to perform in time

But almost 'everybody recognizes that the first duty of Canada is to defend Canada—and not to defend France or Ger-

only common sense to expect farewell. that Canadian air forces will be; greatly strengthened across ALWAYS SO REFINING northern Canada. If necessary, the Germans, French—or even

dians now perform in Europe. It certainly would not make sense for Canadians to ask the! United States to defend Canada while Canada kept a full air di vision in Germany and Franceto defend Parmany.

on defence by insisting that our whole force be better planned and equipped for the task it might have to do right here in

George Drew demands a whole aliborne army—with the present conventional type army formations replaced by commando- and lip. like combat teams. Even the old army man, General Pearkes,! sees the army becoming more starting out in life are deterand more an adjunct of the air mined to have everything their ness are something to do, someforce—playing a role in relation parents never had. — Moose Jaw thing to love and some to hope to the air force somewhat simi- Times Herald. long played to the navy.

function that the militia would i have to play in event of an atom-He attack on Canada.

It would be necessary to have I large forces of disciplined units. truined to deal with the threat of inwiesaness and chaos which I might happon in transforring he survivors from ruined cities! now homes far from those

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All Aboard By G.E. Morlimore

Don't seel sorry for that tousi- The advertisements may sugstreet. She may be your wife, on It to her husband to make herher way to collect her unemploy- self a reasonable facsimile of

According to word from Otthe public treasury by a method so strange that a man biting a

the parliament of Canada of When they marry, they regisjcb. To make sure that no job Canada sent troops to Ger- is offered, these unscrupulous

> In a brief presented to a pareven go so far as to remove their false teeth, if they have

Should this trick become more popular, we may see a boom in the sale of yellow lipstick, plas- ance. tic warts and gowns made from

women's magazines. I can hard- and put on a girdle. ly wait to see the ads urging the His only resource will be to

old witch you pass on the gest that every loyal harpy owes Nightmare Alice.

However, this is mere guesswork. The fact that some women right now are making a determined effort to look hideous should be comforting news for husbands. When a woman offers such a sacrifice, it shows that we she loves her husband. Or e.se it shows that she loves money, Eltner way, sings a useful girl to have on the team.

Taxpayers who put up the | fe money may not feel so cheerful, restrain the girls.

They can't very well toss a female job applicant on the street because she looks like a ghoul. By some unfortunate chance, that may be her natural appear-

An inspector can't risk a law-The jaded advertising world suit by telling a woman that her will get a tonic when the new-scent reminds him of sheep dip. style sales messages hit the He can't order her to go home

girls to buy cosmetics that will steer her to some boss with a make them more repulsive to- jealous wife, who insists on a secretary plainer than herself.

REFLECTS The Toronto Welfare Depart-. A London bachelor left his

ment has handed out hard cash entire fortune of some two or Hence, as the newest types of to people so that they could three million dollars to the gov-Canadian - made interceptor hitch-hike somewhere else and ernment. Presuming he had few planes become available, it is find work, Eart of farewell to close relatives, the government

Most women, remarks the

Brandon Sun, like to think their pland myself at home when I the Americans—can take over husbands were bad before they contemplate the money in my the air sentry duty that Cana- came under their refining in- chest.

> 30 or 40 pounds ago. The consumer price index was !.

pushed up by the price of potanil toos, which dreinigher. Built we lightly normal that the light and the miles with the light and the lightly of call it the lowly spud. --- Kitchener Waterloo Record

An authority on teen-age etiquette says that it is a major! error of good manners to leave lipstick smear on a cup. Al can say is that there seem to be a lot of slips between cup they are, or are not. They are

The average young couple

would have taken most of it ianyhow,

The people hiss me, but I ap-

It has been sald more than | sailings from Prince Rupert A woman han no need to won- once that a girl can never catch | To Vancouver - Friday and der why she is not as she was a ball like a man. But then all man is far easier to eatch.

> consider it advisable to wear glasses. It is entirely possible | 1-that half of the residents of Prince Rupert wear glasses and that does not complete the list. It is only when you've spees in mind that you see them, Then, with us from childhood to old [

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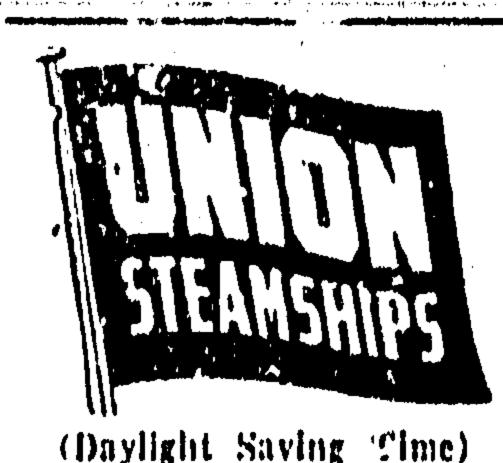


THIS WRIGGLING earthworm is the unusual pet of fiveyear-old Beverly Ann Cheslock of Ottawa and won her a prize in an Ottawa pet show. It was the only entry of its typenaturally enough. (CP Photo)

SLIDES DELAY TRAINS

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