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Let's Try for a Record

AFTER a lapse of more than 400 days the spectre of a traffic fatality has cast a shadow over this city of 10,000. Monday night, in the semi-darkness that features nearly all of our intersections but two, a man suffered injuries sufficient to snuff out his Life. Monday afternoon a little boy was in collision with a car. Last week before 9 a.m. on a school day a little girl was in collision with a car. Always the threat of sudden death hangs over the city as vehicles move through our streets and pedestrians cross the roads to reach their destinations. At that, for a city of this size, with the high per capita car ownership, maybe Prince Rupert has been lucky.

This week's traffic fatality occurred in spite of Pappeals by the National Safety Council, the B.C. Safety council, the RCMP and The Daily News for motorists to drive carefully, pedestrians to watch what they are doing and for parents to train their Thildren in traffic safety. Time and time again, until readers have become angered at us for making the same pleas for safety, we have stressed the various Facets of trying to stay alive in today's hustle and bustle of mounting traffic and a speeded tempo of

Yet, we are not going to say "We told you so." Instead we hope that some of our safety editorials, Dur support of Safe Driving Week, our pre-holiday Inessages to drive and walk with caution have sunk Jiome, to the extent that had we not written them the Eraffic toll in this city might be worse.

The city of Trail, B.C. with a more compact busimess section than Prince Rupert and just as many if not more cars and trucks, has now gone more than 1,000 days without a fatal traffic mishap. It has received a Safety Council award for its enviable record. Let us in Prince Rupert try for a record, a similar, better mark. Let us show ourselves, the province and The whole of Canada for that matter, that our drivers, our pedestrians and our children can be just ras sensible, just as careful and just as long-lived as anywhere else.

It takes time and it takes self control and train-

Drivers must be more alert, less hurried and more courteous. Pedestrians themselves must also be alert, They must watch what they are doing and they must await that extra second or two to make sure they are in the clear. Above all they must train their children not to dash out from behind parked cars, to traverse crosswalks properly, to give drivers a chance. That's all there is to it. There's nothing more we can say.

Tribute To Papers

THE other day he materialized at last—the man of discrimination who thinks a newspaper is worth a dollar. "Easily," he added as he warmed to his subect and we warmed to him.

"Yes sir," the sterling man's words took on a Iglow, "a newspaper is my shield. Why, after dinner when I want to settle down, up goes the paper. I Jook around a corner of it and if there's anything Igood on the screen the paper can wait. My boy likes Ho watch some awful tripe at times and my wife isn't much better.

"Conservation? Well, my wife can think up a subject about as interesting as Mars would be to a thutterfly. She isn't interested in the Alouettes; I am. And she is no more interested in politics than she is Fishing, although she manages to do pretty well Sometimes on those quizzes.

"With a paper I'm in the driver's seat and I can switch gears from one part to another whenever I -The Sherbrooke Record,



WED QUIETLY-Miss Dorothen Patricia Blayney, a native of Simcoe, Ont., and an Ottawa school teacher, became the bride of Thomas M. Bell, Progressive Conservative member of Parlaimerit for St. John-Albert, in a quiet Ottawa ceremony. They are shown here leaving the church, (CP Photo)



As See It

** Election Looms

OTTAWA—It now looks as if the new Liberal leader will go almost straight from the convention into a

new general election. On the eve of the convention, which will decide whether Lester Pearson of Paul Martin, is to by Laurier, King and St. Laurthe crumbling of the present

"twenty-three skidoo" sters of today say "scram."

thing in such a saying and even the present Twenty-Third Par- | polls. liament will be a "skidoo" affair ---about the shortest lived on

THE days of the Twenty-third as much from the rear as it is "The 60 government supporters

from the front. joined with the solid CCF, there criticism, nor are they inured to is no guarantee that the Conservatives could be beaten, immed- place . . . stely, in the present House. is quite possible that the Social Credit group, and the two Que- bill some of the freshmen membec independents, might decide to keep the Diefenbaker govern-|couldn't believe these criticisms ment in office.

servatives would have to oper- be introduced." ate from then on. Apart alafraid to leave Ottawa for a backbenchers. single day, for fear of a snap the present regime.

IT IS NO secret that the Conservative government has been hardboiled politicians of own freshmen supporters.

The House Leader, the Hon. Howard Green, administered to drastic rebukes ever heard within the historic walls of a chambeen as deadly as bullets. Mr. In the early years of this cen- against his own Conservative tury youngsters used the phrase colleague from Victoria, B.C., with who had attacked the imparmuch the same meaning as the tiality and integrity of the whole more taciturn or terse young- top layer of our federal civil service (and gloatingly declared) that many heads of such civil servants would be figuratively rolling in the sands after another Conservative victory at the

> But an even more significant rebuke was administered, by another cabinet minister, Hon. George Nowlan.

In a weekly newspaper column parliament are plainly num- in the Wolfville Acadian, and bered because the Diefenbaker other Nova Scotia journals, the

who have never sat in the House Even if the whole Liberal party before are not used to political the crossfire which always takes

"Once the three opposition parties started to shoot at the bers became panic stricken. They could be levelled at the bill un-But no government likes to be less they were justified. Therecompelled to operate as the Con- fore they insisted amendments

What the candid minister did together from having to live not say was that the Conservafrom day to day on the suffer- tive government was compelled ance of a rival political party, to turn an ignominious back; the Conservative government's somersault on the farm price own supporters would be literally support bill by its own freshmen

But no government likes to be vote, and sudden overthrow of as much afraid of its own back bench as of the opposition front

All of which explains why the increasingly embarrassed by its parties say another election is

Al Aboard By G.E. Mortimore

again, it seems.

middle class. There is an aristoc-llutionary. racy of brains and influence. the Communists sneered at mar- principles of their-Russian masriage and the family. They an- ters to such an extent that they nounced that Soviet citizens have published a book on etiwould be free to change partners quette.

as they liked. But their carnival of free love didn't last long. Now the Russians have swung right back in the other direction. They have bocome a nation of puritans.

The Communists also believed for some time that a good party Iman had to act like a peasant,

LETTERBOX

The Editor, The Daily News. MORE ABOUT TRANSPORTATION TRIBULATIONS

cussing the withdrawal of air right under his name. transportation facilities in the Prince Rupert area made the suggestion that the Prince Rution at this time should be manners? lightly passed over but a little further consideration might be recant in public, and one of usefull here, (1) Our two-place them will later be found dead in air-craft, though manoeuverable his cell, as a result of having l and well-maintained, could not stabbed himself-with the wrong earry a stretcher or severely-in-knife. jured patient, (2) Our air-craft are not radio-equipped and would not be safe for marginal? flying weather over extended distance. (3) Weather hazard to ! moored aircraft this time of year is very high. Last season our club lost the use of one aircraft by hurricane. And many hours of tending and maintenance are required to keep a moored air-craft serviceable. It doesn't look as if air-craft of Prince Rupert Aero Club are the answer to the dilemma of emergency transport. However, the directors and private pilots

Perhaps it's time for our province to get into the business air ambulance like Saskat- [[chewan. This should be good for votes and probably would save lives. It would be a splendid Cententery project, more useful than Centenary medallions and flags on the street. G. W. J. Fiddes,

of the club are interested cit-

izens, more than willing to be

president, Prince Rupert Aero Club.

The Communists are adopting so as to prove that he was the bourgeois customs and values genuine article. A Communist had to be rude. Manners were a At first, all the citizens of the cause for suspicion. They tag-Soviet Union had to be equal, ged a person as being shifty and Now there are rich, poor and insincere, perhaps counter-revo-

Now the Communists of East In the early days of revolution, Germany have forgotten the

The book is entitled "Don't Fear Good Manners." The author tells his audience that it is impolite to "snarl" or act in an ['uncultivated" way toward policemen enforcing government controls, because controls are

Policemen must be "greeted m a friendly way," and given direct answers. Travellers moving! across the frontier must not try // to cheat the East German government when changing their ... money... This would be bad form. When you write a letter to a hero of labor who has been decorated for inventing a speedup In Saturday evening's paper, put the title "Hero of Labor" January 11, the editor in dis- method in factories, you should

In the Communist world, the | share-the-wealth and share-the- | | wives. From now on, it will pay pert Aero Club might be able to be polite. But how about the to keep an air-craft in readiness old-guard revolutionaries who for emergency calls. No sugges- cling gallantly to their cloddish l

Perhaps they will be forced to []

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