



**LESSON IN SAFETY** — In the picture above Sgt. R. W. Blatchford (right), safety officer for the Belleville City Police, instructs both staff and pupils on traffic safety on the special demonstra-

tion model built by the students. Paying keen attention are (left to right): Miss Joan Shannon, teacher, and pupils Helen Woodward of Manotick and Robert Gundy of Brockville.

## First Time in History, OSD Pupil Awarded Safety Flag

For the first time in the history of any school for the deaf in Canada an "Elmer" safety pennant was presented to the students of the Ontario School for the Deaf yesterday afternoon. The presentation is the climax of a month's hard work on the part of Sgt. R. W. Latchford of the Belleville City Police and the staff of the OSD, in developing and presenting a course in safety to the students of OSD.

The project required some study and observation prior to its introduction to the students due to the different nature of presenting material which was necessary. Sgt. Latchford had to spend some time observing instruction procedure in classes before his safety program was promulgated.

To assist in the work a special portable, table-top model illustrating the different types of lights and intersections was built by the OSD students in their own workshops under staff guidance. The instructional aid allows for practical demonstrations of the proper way of walking or driving at intersections and so forth and is complete with flashing lights and operating traffic lights.

Most of the school's 500 pupils have received the safety instruction course and the presentation of the "Elmer" pennant by the safety committee of the local Kiwanis Club is to remind the students daily to obey and observe safety rules.

The occasion of the presentation was a "full dress" affair. The students and staff of the intermediate and senior schools were drawn up before the flag-pole in front of the main building en masse. A color party from the school's Girl Guide and Boy Scout troops was on parade. Numerous school and local dignitaries were present.

### PRESENTED FLAG

The initial ceremony took place

with Mr. George Hume, vice-president of the Belleville Kiwanis presenting the Elmer flag to Sgt. Latchford. Sgt. Latchford, in turn, presented the flag to Mr. Joe Demeza, superintendent of O.S.D. The flag was then turned over to two members of the color party to hoist aloft below the Union Jack on the school flag pole.

Senior student Jean Shaw thanked the Kiwanis for their presentation and pledged, on be-

half of the students, that they would always try to obey the six safety rules. If any pupil is found breaking one of the rules or if a student is involved in an accident, the "Elmer" pennant cannot be flown for 30 days.

Mr. Leo McKee, chairman of the safety committee of the Kiwanis, spoke briefly, emphasizing that the pennant was to remind the boys and girls to obey the safety rules.

Following the ceremony outside a short program was held in the junior school, when another pennant was presented to them. This pennant is to be flown in the junior school dining room. Student Steven Bradshaw expressed the thanks of the junior students and gave the pledge on their behalf.