Says Calgary Has The Worst Drivers

The World's "Wackiest" Are To Be Found in the Alberta City, Traffic Observer Declares

The world's "wackiest" drivers are in Calgary and they've anything skinned that I've seen in my trip across Canada," said Julius R. Klippering, of New York City.

The man with the world's most peculiar hobby, Mr. Klippering made this statement as he sat in his corner and watched traffic pass the intersection of Seventeenth avenue and Fourth street west, Calgary.

A retired pants manufacturer, Mr. Klippering spends his summer months motoring through Canada and the United States, observing the antics of automobile drivers and pedestrians.

Disregard "Stop" Signs

Sometimes he takes miniature movies of traffic scenes. At other times he takes candid camera shots and he makes notes and every winter he spends several months sorting out his material. He then entertains his friends by showing movies of "how not to drive."

Mr. Klippering said that in no other city in Canada do drivers show such a fine disregard for the "Stop" signs as they do in Calgary. He expressed the belief that only three out of ten drivers come to a full stop as the regulations demand and only two out of 10 gives signals when turning out from the curb, turning corners or heading into or out of traffic.

Poor Judgment Is Blamed For Most Accidents

Vast Majority of People Involved In Smash-ups Are Honest, Law-Abiding Citizens, Police Chief Says.

Reduction of the automobile accident rate depended mostly on improved driving practices and attitude and law enforcement must be directed primarily to that end, said Howard M. Baker, traffic engineer of the Montreal police department, in a speech at the annual convention of the Canadian Good Roads' Association, at Bigwin Inn, Ontario.

Although reckless, inefficient or drunken driving was a factor in causing accidents, Mr. Baker said the vast majority of persons involved in accidents were honest, law-abiding citizens, driving competently and with reasonable caution. They were chargeable at the worst with bad judgment rather than a fixed intent to peopardize themselves.

Enforcement inflicted in a spirit of revenge defeated its own end and wronged the community. It should seek to correct and educate. Suspensions and revocations of licenses had a greater deterrent effect on erring drivers than almost any other punitive measure.

Sarnia Bridge To Be Finished Soon

New International Link At Point Edward Complete

Construction work on the Blue Water Bridge proper is expected to be completed next week. This will consist of the final painting on the Canadian end of the centre span. The American half of the bridge was completed last week. All that remains to be done now so that the bridge can be put into operation, is the completion of the customs and immigration buildings at the Point Edward end.

The Sarnia and Hamilton bridge companies, which had a joint contract for the construction of the Canadian approach, have completed their section of the bridge and they have turned it over to the Ontario department of highways. The American bridge company will wind up its contract for the centre span with the finshing of the aluminum painting.

It is expected that two weeks will be required to complete the Canadian customs and immigration buildings.

Half-Century Mark

Thirty-eight years old Chaim Rozenholtz of Warsaw claims that he has divorced 25 wives. "I want to bring up the number to fifty," he said in a press interview, "and then I will be satisfied."

Belling the Cats

All cats in Staveley, Alberta, have to wear bells "to give the birds a chance." The bird population is now increasing so much that other towns in Alberta intend to enact similar laws.

Railways of Denmark and Germany will operate a bus line between the two countries.

News Parade

By Elizabeth Eedy

GOODBYE SUMMER: As we look back upon the past three months, we realize that it has been a lovely summer, not too hot, not too rainy, not too cool. So that autumn's approach with its promise of pumpkin pies and Thanksgiving and ducking for apples and colored leaves and beechnuts and fowl suppers finds us in a satisfied, peaceful frame of mind towards life as lived in our Ontario.

If only the thought of wars and rumors of wars did not have to be faced! And the conviction that this peace of ours which lies over the land is only a temporary armistice. . . . .

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DAYLIGHT TIME: While we are on the subject of summer ending and such, a few words about daylight saving. Some of our Ontario cities and towns have found it a boon, that extra hour of sunlight a gift from the gods. Too bad all the cities and towns of Canada don't adopt it automatically, in their own interest. Or all of the Dominion go on Summer Time each year—as Europe has been doing ever since the Great War.

And here it is that we would ask a question. Why is it that farmers don't like daylight saving time? The domestic animals of Europe seem to get along all right; the cows and horses don't appear to suffer from dislocation of the time sense. Are our Canadian animals any different? Or is it that farm work under daylight saving could not get under way at an early enough hour each day? We wish someone would write in and shed a little more light on the problem.

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LOST OPPORTUNITY: We have been kicking ourselves ever since. Last week we wrote a paragraph for this column on the European war scare; then just as the paper went to press we yanked the paragraph out because it looked at the moment as if we might be wrong. Later events support our original viewpoint.

Here is part of the paragraph, under the heading, "Supercolossal Bluff": "An illuminating comment on the situation in Central Europe was made this week by Public School Inspector D. M. Eagle, of Windsor, just returned from his nineteenth trip across the Atlantic. He should know whereof he speaks. Says Mr. Eagle: 'I don't think the Germans want war. I believe they're trying to see what they can get by bluffing and by a show of force'."

Mr. Eagle could have gone further and said a few words about "blackmail" — of the democratic powers by a desperate state, Germany.

Bluff it all was (though a very risky one) because Germany was not really ready for war nor capable of waging it successfully. Confronted by the democratic powers acting in concert, she would have been blocked from the outset. Now, Hitler is top-dog in all Europe. With Czechoslovakia under his belt (it is rich in minerals, munitions plants), he will have the wherewithal to defeat the world. Plus the key to the Balkan regions and a route to the Black Sea.

There will be no stopping him.

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FORCE TRIUMPHANT: From an editorial in the New York Times which deals with the Czechoslovak crisis and the Anglo-French proposals:

"This is the end of the whole system of collective security built up in the post-war treaties. It is the end of that system because a demonstration will have been given, in the very heart of Europe, before the eyes of all the world and in a manner which leaves no possible room for doubt, that force or the threat of force is the determining factor in the relationship of nations."

How to build it up again . . . .?

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THE WEEK'S QUESTION: What is the burden each person in Canada carries, as his share of the public debt? Answer: $638 for every man, woman and child in the country.

Ready to "Liberate" Czechoslovakia's Germans

This picture was taken at Hitler's mountain retreat at Berchtesgaden, when the Reichfuehrer conferred with Konrad Henlein, leader of the Sudeten Germans. Shortly afterwards, Hitler, in a speech from Nuremberg, served notice on a world bristling with arms that his Nazi empire stood ready to "liberate" the Sudeten Germans regardless of any opposition from other European countries.

VOICE OF THE PRESS

CANADA

EXCRUCIATING

All the troubles of the world are as nothing to the man with a couple of raspberry seeds under the upper plate.—Brandon Sun.

THE CREDIT SYSTEM

This country would be in better condition if there were not so many mortgaged motor cars parked by rented houses on paved highways built on credit.—Forest Standard.

WHY FAVOR TORONTO

Toronto, so we see, is to get higher relief grants from the Provincial Government. And why an exception in favor of Toronto? Any revision for the benefit of the municipalities should apply generally.—Ottawa Journal.

A NEEDED "WEEK"

What with Fish Week, Furniture Week, Cheese Week, Dog Week and all the others, it is said that everything has been commandeered up to the second week of June, 1947, and someone has designated that as "Mind Your Own Damned Business Week. — Woodstock Sentinel-Review.

FOOD SUBSTITUTES

Surely mankind around the world is getting tired of diplomats, and statesmen, and dictators, and leaders who have no time, nor inclination to worry about underfed people. "Spheres of influence," "corridors" and "new alignments" — newer and quicker ways of bombing, gassing and killing each other occupy their time, talents and energies. Marie Antoinette's famous remark, "Let the people eat cake," has, says one, been changed today to "Let them eat battleships."---Halifax Herald.

TOO MANY CABINS?

Is it possible that we are overbuilding for the attraction of the tourist dollar? Even in the best of tourist seasons, it is doubtful if sufficient visitors cross the border to make profitable the operation of all the cabins, lunch stands and other establishments that have been created along the highways to fill their needs—and yet there is a constant increase in the number of these places. — Brockville Recorder and Times.

HIGH COST OF DYING

The cost of dying is not thought of so often as the cost of living. But it looms as a major problem for most people. To low-wage earners the cost of burial services constitutes an increasing worry, because they are haunted by the fear of a "pauper's grave." The most common form of industrial insurance is nothing more than burial insurance. Of every insurance policy under $1,000 it is found that over half is used for funeral expenses. There are cases where funeral directors assume the payments on premiums of policies which are in danger of lapsing. Indeed, the struggle among thousands of people to provide for a decent exit from this life makes their later period of living a harried, unenviable one. —Toronto Star.

Over Twenty Have Swum Channel

Woman Doctor, Gardener are Last To Cross

Five men, seeing a helmeted woman swimming towards shore near Dover, England, ran to meet her, and found she was Frau Bruna Wendel, 35-year-old German doctor, who claimed to have swum the Channel from Cap Gris-Nez in 15 hours 33 minutes. It is doubtful if her swim will be recognized, as it was made unofficially.

Record-Holders

The record for the swim is held by G. Michel, a Frenchman, who crossed from Cap Gris-Nez to Dover in 1926 in 11 hours 5 minutes. Up to this swim 21 people had done it—nine of them women. The fastest time for a woman is that of Miss Gertrude Ederle—14 hours 34 minutes.

Gaspe Peninsula Sneezers' Haven

Ragweed Eliminated There Except for Small Area; Victory In Sight.

Ragweed, plague of hay fever victims, has been practically eliminated from the Gaspe Peninsula, Georges Maheux of the Quebec Department of Agriculture, told a meeting of the eastern section of the association committee on weeds of the Dominion Department of Agriculture and the National Research Council at Ottawa last week.

Co-Operation Effective

Setting out to make the Gaspe area a refuge for hay fever sufferers the Quebec Government had secured the co-operation of farmers, teachers and school children and the south shore of the St. Lawrence had been practically freed from the weed. One limited area of infestation remained on the north shore but in two or three years it was expected ragweed would disappear from the whole area.

The BOOK SHELF

By ELIZABETH EEDY

"EARLY BUILDINGS OF ONTARIO"

By Prof. Eric D. Arthur

University of Toronto Press has just released a new publication entitled "The Early Buildings of Ontario," which describes and illustrates many of the province's historic buildings which have outstanding architectural features.

Eric D. Arthur, Professor of Architectural Design, University of Toronto, is the author of the booklet. John Alford, Professor of Fine Art, of the same university, has written a foreword in which he states that "the quality of architecture is the quality of the material environment we make for ourselves in the process of our relations with raw Nature and with each other.

From Lancaster to Hamilton

The largest groups of good early houses are to be found in the earliest settled portions of Ontario. The Kingston Road from Lancaster to Hamilton provided hundreds of examples of particularly good home in the neighborhood of Kingston, Brockville, Preston and Cobourg, the book points out. The Niagara Peninsula and the country around Hamilton also contain some of the best old houses in the province. In the western part of the province another group is to be found on the shores of Lake Erie and along the Detroit River.

The book provides an instructive study and is recommended for teachers and any others interested in Ontario's architectural heritage.

NAMES in the NEWS

EDOUARD BENES

President of Czechoslovakia. He helped to found the republic. For the past twenty years he has proved to be one of the "smartest little" statesmen in Europe.

THIS CURIOUS WORLD

By William Ferguson

CHIEF STANDINGDEER, most famous of North Carolina Cherokee archers, has been ruled out of archery competition by his tribe. Champion for a generation, his skill discouraged younger competitors from entering the annual tournaments.

NEXT: Where will an inaccurate watch keep correct time?

THE WONDERLAND OF OZ

These Growleywogs were remarkable creatures. They were of gigantic size yet were all bone, skin and muscle, there being no meat or fat upon their bodies at all. Their powerful muscles lay just under the skin like bunches of rope and the weakest Growleywog was so strong he could pick up an elephant and toss it seven miles away.

Guph knew that they hated all people. He also knew that if he succeeded they would afford him very powerful assistance. "The Land of Oz is ruled by a namby-pamby girl who is disgustingly good and kind," he said. "Her people are all happy and contented and have no cares or worries whatever." "Go on!" growled the Grand Gallipoot, still scowling.

"Once the Gnome King enslaved the Royal Family of Ev," said the General, "but Ozma interfered, although it was none of her business, and marched her army against us. With her was a Kansas girl named Dorothy and yellow hen, and they marched directly into the Gnome King's cavern. There they liberated our slaves from Ev and stole King Ruggedo's magic belt."

"So now our King is making a tunnel under the deadly desert so we can march through it to the Emerald City. When we get there we mean to conquer and destroy all the land and recapture the magic belt." Again he paused and again the Grand Gallipoot growled, "Go on!" Guph tried to think of what to say next, for he was quite nervous, and a happy thought soon occurred to him.