

Mrs. Emily Post, Manners Expert, Makes an Ardent Plea For More Courtesy

Says Lack of it Often Ends in Manslaughter

GIVES DON'TS

Mrs. Emily Post, foremost authority in America on manners, has finally directed her attention to the manners of motorists and courtesy on the highways.

In the latest edition of her famous volume "Etiquette", shortly to be published in Canada by Ryerson Press, Mrs. Post has included a chapter on "Manners for Motorists" and her findings and comments closely parallel those emphasized by the "Try Courtesy" campaign being conducted by the Ontario Highways Department.

Mrs. Post addresses her remarks not to really great drivers or very good ones, who are fully aware of their own expertness, but to the tens of thousands who in ever-increasing numbers swarm out upon the streets and highways to have their lives saved time and again (though they don't know it) by the experts who step in between the Grim Reaper and the bad driver.

"And if we seriously think of the power," says Mrs. Post, "in all of these machines running loose on the highways and realize that no examination in driving courtesy is required of one applying for a license, the wonder is not that there are accidents, but that there are so few."

The type of driver, writes Mrs. Post, who ought to be given a "nice long time to think it over in jail" is the one who, when the road is crowded, pulls out of a solid line of cars to "jockey" or steal his way forward.

Finding himself in sudden danger of a head-on collision, he makes a frantic effort to push his way back into the line he has left, possibly forcing some one off the side of the road, or at least marring fenders. Or perhaps the newspapers carry one more story of a fatal motor crash, caused by bad manners of a driver who shoves to get ahead, or tries to beat the lights, or crowds another off the road, never considering anybody's rights but his own.

In contrast to the dangerous speeding driver, Mrs. Post next examines what she terms the "annoying snail" type of driver, long known by other unflattering sobriquets because of his insistence upon crawling along in the centre of the road.

Behind him horns can blow and another car nose up to the left of him. He does not budge an inch. Or if he does, beware of his pet trick of swerving a little to the right and then back to the centre of the road, or suddenly increasing his speed to prevent the car behind from passing.

Although practically all cars are now equipped with stop-lights, she points out, drivers should remember that the light does not go on until the brakes are applied; therefore a hand signal should be given the moment the driver knows he intends to apply the brakes.

Mrs. Post includes a list of driving don'ts for city and country motoring:

Don't blow your horn unnecessarily in a traffic line when it can do no good and is merely annoying to others.

Don't rush traffic lights or disregard stop signs; remember discourtesy to pedestrians can easily turn out to be manslaughter.

Don't turn around and call an obstinate driver names after you finally pass him. It really doesn't teach him anything or do you any good, and may easily end in an accident.

Don't almost run over some one who is trying to signal a bus or a street car. A little courtesy requires only a few seconds of time, and may easily prevent a serious accident or fatality.

Arthur council has passed a by-law to license slot machines at \$500 each. A similar by-law has been given first and second readings by the Shelburne council.

Mrs. M. C. Crawford of Shelburne received notice last week that she had been appointed to the staff of Toronto normal school in the capacity of model teacher.

Will Somebody Explain?

(Acton Free Press)

Those citizens who heeded the urging of Hydro during the past few years and installed the electric water heating equipment in their homes are naturally wondering at the intimation that the local commission has abruptly terminated the arrangement. No more heaters are to be installed on the present plan, and maintenance of those already installed will become a charge on the consumer, although the equipment is still owned by the Hydro Commission. We notice in some municipalities patrons of Hydro are still being urged to install this equipment.

We understand that locally it has been found that the water heater business was not profitable for the local Commission. Surely the Ontario Commission, who made the plans and set forth the schedule of rates have not erred so greatly that all this material will be scrapped. If they have, they should certainly not be advertising other municipalities to install more water heaters. That advertising should be cancelled and Hydro admit an error. Those who have installed the heat-

ers felt that the charge was plenty. Certainly Hydro in Acton is not losing money when at the last meeting \$3,500 of surplus funds are to be invested in approved securities and an even larger amount is already lying in the same type of investment.

In the interest of Hydro generally the cancellation of the plan needs some explanation. We understand that both Guelph and Georgetown have taken similar action. Is there a power shortage, or did the Hydro engineers bring forth an unsound plan with the water heaters?



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Monday, August 16th—Regular Meeting. You are urgently requested to be present at this meeting as there are a number of matters of importance to be discussed.

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THIS MUST STOP!

The appalling loss of life and frightful injuries caused by reckless driving in Ontario *must stop!* Motorists have been requested to be courteous on the road, but the death toll still mounts at an *alarming rate*. Reckless drivers must be dealt with according to their deserts, and to the laws of this Province.

A reckless driver who causes death or injury is a *criminal*—just as much of a criminal as a thief; for reckless driving is illegal. Cutting in, passing on hills, excessive speed, driving slowly in the centre of the road, and all the other breaches of safe driving *are to cease*.

RECKLESS DRIVERS BEWARE!

Ontario has an internationally famous highway police force but they cannot be everywhere. Most accidents occur out of sight of the police. We therefore ask with all sincerity for the co-operation of public-spirited motorists to report to this Department instances of reckless driving. It is your duty to help check this wicked slaughter—*deaths that could be avoided*, and the maiming and crippling of healthy men, women and children.

Here is what to do!

When you see a motorist driving in a manner dangerous to the public, take his number, make a careful note of the actual time and place and when you reach your destination write to the Motor Vehicles Branch, Department of Highways, Toronto, giving full details. We do not invite reports of minor infringements of the traffic laws; you are requested to use sound judgment. *We will deal adequately with offenders.*



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