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## NATURAL BEAUTY MARRED

We have seen many examples of the useless destruction of natural beauty in this district, but the most glaring one came to our notice on a recent Sunday afternoon stroll through part of the country adjacent to Haileybury. Many local people know the road which runs south on the first concession line west of the town, from the West Road to North Cobalt, where a few years ago the entire right-of-way was cut out and a nice row of the best of the trees left standing on either side of the highway. These trees were making a fast growth after the underbrush was removed and would, in a comparatively short time, have given this road an attractive appearance and made it a favorite haunt for walkers. There are few people who live along the thoroughfare and few motor cars are driven there, leaving it one of the all too few roads in the neighborhood where a person can enjoy a quiet stroll.

Now it seems that this road is to lose its beauty, if not its usefulness. When we made our first trip of the season over it we found that on a stretch of about a quarter to a half mile the trees had all been cut along one side, the small trunks having been removed in some places, while in others they are left lying as they fell. This was surprising enough, but in the middle of the denuded stretch we found where one tree had been cut off at a considerable height and squared off in much the same way as a claim post to allow for the inscriptions on its sides. On the south side was printed in heavy black letters, "Hepburn Discovery Post No. 1" while the other three sides contained three names which appeared to be familiar as residents of the township of Bucke through which the road runs.

The whole thing did not appear to make sense. If it was intended as a slam at the government for what we have all complained of, its neglect of Northern highways, it could hardly be applied to the road whereon it stands, as it is in fairly good shape, with a solid foundation and apparently quite passable for motor cars and other vehicles. In fact, it is a very good road, considering the number of people who make use of it. We are not so much concerned, however, with the intention of the person or persons who left the inscription, but we are grieved and annoyed to see the beauty of this piece of road being destroyed. We would suggest to the township officials that some steps should be taken to prevent any further damage. A few warning signs might do the trick, or if those responsible could be identified and punished it would give some satisfaction to nature lovers of the district.

## MOTORISTS WARNED

The attention of all motorists is called to an advertisement of the Department of Highways which is printed in another column and which deals specifically with the amendments to the traffic act passed at the last session of the Ontario Legislature. It is pointed out that the maximum speed at which any motor vehicle may be operated, "under the most ideal conditions," is 50

miles per hour outside of cities and towns and village, and 30 miles per hour inside such centres. It is still an offence and will be considered reckless driving, however, to operate at any speed without due regard for traffic, highway or light conditions, and severe penalties will be imposed. The old slogan of "Care and Courtesy" is to be observed, and any infractions of the new regulations will bring severe penalties.

The season of accidents is now upon us. Right in our own district there have been crashes that have brought serious injuries and that should prove a lesson to every driver. The new speed limit will, we fear, have a tendency to bring increased recklessness on the part of some, and the public in general will be the sufferers. All that can be said or written will not impress on the few the danger of excessive speed, but a few severe sentences imposed on the offenders would do something towards making the highway safer for those who try to keep within the law and try to use care at all times.

For several years a traffic officer with a motorcycle was stationed in Haileybury and patrolled the roads of this district. He was able to cover considerable territory and his presence had an effect on the habits of the more reckless drivers. If this system could again be instituted, even for a few months, it would, we believe, lessen the accidents and make the highways safer for those who are content with a reasonable speed. There should at least be a traffic officer on every well travelled highway for a period after the raising of the speed limit, which will be on Monday next, May 24th.

## HELP THE TREES ALONG

Local residents who have recently had trees planted on the streets in front of their property, by the Horticultural Society, are asked to help along the good work by seeing that the newly planted trees are given plenty of water. This is especially necessary during the first summer in order that the best results may be secured. The nature of the soil here makes it imperative that it be kept moist while the trees are taking root, if they are to have a fair chance of life. It is not sufficient, the horticulturists point out, to turn the hose on the

## Haileybury in 1927

Items from the Files of The Haileyburian of Ten Years Ago

A section man on the Nipissing Central Railway had his collarbone broken when he stood too close to a passing car at the corner of Blackwall Street and Ferguson Avenue.

A new bridge will be built over the Wabi River, in New Liskeard and will straighten out a bad curve on the highway. The bridge will cost \$40,000 and the town's share will be \$25,000, it is reported.

The O'Brien Mine has let a contract for the sinking of a 500-foot shaft on its Cross Lake

tree for a short period. They should be thoroughly soaked at regular intervals. In this way all can lend a hand in the good work of the Society and all should take pride in giving the trees the best possible chance to thrive. They will be of great value to the town in the future, but, like all vegetable growth, they must have moisture for the best results.

Three Citizens Puzzled  
By Strange Sight on Lake

Three local citizens have reported a strange sight on the lake, which has greatly puzzled them. It was on Tuesday morning that they saw what they describe as a long series of undulations and curves, estimated to extend for 150 or 200 feet in length and a comparatively few feet wide, passing slowly down the lake some few hundred yards out from the shore. They have thought of everything from sea serpents to earthquakes, but cannot account for the strange sight. It was about eight o'clock in the morning, the lake surface was otherwise undisturbed and there appeared to be a gradual drifting of the peculiar condition down the lake. Frank Dempster, Geo. Poppleton and I. A. Lytle were the three puzzled citizens and they would be glad to hear if any others saw the unusual happening.

claims. R. H. McNaughton is the contractor.

Ten years ago Haileybury was preparing for two big celebrations, one for the Diamond Jubilee of Confederation and the other for the observance of the Twelfth of July by Orangemen of the district.

The local softball league opened the season last night with a game between the K. of C. and the Veterans, the former winning in a close contest.

The Haileyburian 10 years ago described an interesting ceremony in St. Paul's Church, when the members gathered in the vestry for the "burning of the mortgage," signifying that the debt on the new edifice had been cleared off. Mrs. C. C. Farr was given the honor of applying a match to the document.

May 23rd to May 28th, 1927, was "Clean-Up Week" in Haileybury, according to the files of The Haileyburian, and Fire Chief Merkle had outlined a program for the occasion, together with timely advice on the prevention of fires.



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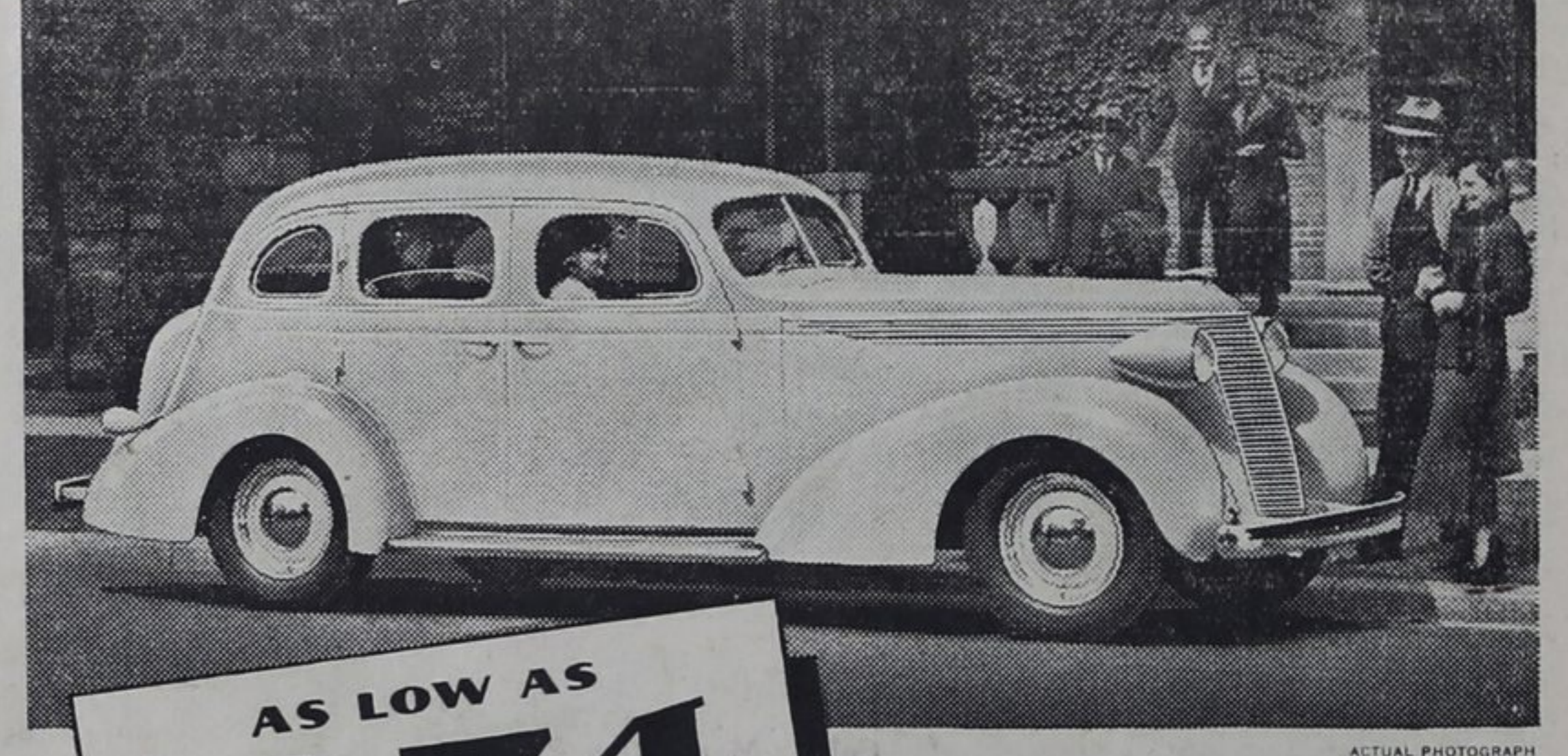
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## WARNING TO MOTORISTS

At the last session of the Legislature the law respecting the speed of motor vehicles was amended. The effect of this amendment is to increase the maximum permissible speed at which motor vehicles may be operated. The amendment in question becomes effective on the 24th of May.

Motorists are warned that the new speed limits are the positive maximum speeds at which motor vehicles may be operated under the most ideal conditions. While the maximum speeds are to be 30 miles per hour in cities, towns and villages and 50 miles per hour outside, speeds much below these are necessary under many conditions. It is still an offence and considered reckless driving, for which severe penalties are provided, to operate at any speed without due regard for traffic, highway or light conditions.

Motorists are urged to exercise the greatest of care and courtesy and are warned that a wilful disregard for the safety of themselves or other users of the streets and highways will result in prosecution and withdrawal of the privilege of driving.

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