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Professional Teaching For Young Drivers

An increasing proportion of automobile drivers will be of teen-age in years ahead and, unless these young people can be taught to be responsible behind the wheel, Canada faces a "staggering" toll of dead and injured, says the Imperial Oil Review in its February issue.

Today drivers in the 16-21 age group have twice as many accidents as all other drivers and kill 50 per cent more people. They kill 11 times more people than the safest drivers, the 45-50 years olds.

The Review warns that the situation "could blow up in our faces" as the bumper crops of war and post-war babies reach driving age. Today there are 1,600,000 Canadians in the 15-21 age bracket; by 1966 there will be 2,700,000.

The article proposes stricter law enforcement and a stepped-

up program of professional instruction for young instruction, the accident rate among graduates was only one-eighth that of the average motorist.

More adults, it says, believe they are qualified driving instructors. The safety record of the home-taught teen-agers doesn't support this. Studies show that young drivers who have undergone competent driving instruction are twice as safe as others of their age who have had no such training.

CNR WAITER IS AZORIAN'S COUNSELLOR

Winnipeg, January — To 100 recent Canadian immigrants, the Portugese Azores and Western Canada are two different worlds. Coming from the sunny isles of the Atlantic it's no wonder they feel somewhat dispirited during this their first Canadian winter, with seasonal unemployment striking many of them.

But there is always hope, and to these people it is represented by a 35-year-old CNR buffet car waiter named Andre Camara. He settled in Winnipeg last April and because of his education, and fluent English he finds himself unofficial spokesman, employment counsellor and general manager of all his fellow Azorians in Winnipeg.

At the moment he is engaged in a one-man employment campaign trying to find work for about 90 of his countrymen who have been laid off for the winter. So far he has been successful in placing 13.

In his off duty time at the Winnipeg end of his Winnipeg-Saskatoon run, he is giving English lessons to his "colony".



'IF FIND THAT BUILDING MATERIALS ARE MORE READILY AVAILABLE IN THE WINTER?'

Ole 'Orrible's Column

Once again it looks as if all the election printing will go to that well known Conservative organization in New Liskeard. In the Nipissing district, the big printer gets the lists, and the little guy gets the ballots. Not so in Temiskaming where years of fence sitting have qualified our Liskeard friends to collect as much gravy as possible from both parties.

After the last election, Cec. Bond published a complete untrue editorial stating that the Haileyburian had tried to stir up dirt over the election printing. If making a polite request to the election officer is stirring up dirt, it's true perhaps.

What is even funnier, is that in the last election our New Liskeard friends didn't have a press big enough to print the proclamations, and after setting the type, had to bring them over to Haileybury for printing.

The same thing happened this year. If ole' orrible had been inside the office when the type arrived, it would have been thrown out in the snow, as it was, Leigh Day is a much nicer person, and he ran it.

But remember, when you see the proclamations posted up, remember "we done it," even if there's someone else's trade mark on it. The only trouble is that what we will get out of it

is peanuts. *****
 We have yet to meet two more confident candidates than Arnold Peters and Foster Rice. And the Liberals still seem to be worrying about where they are going to find a candidate. *****

Ole' orrible's election forecast. The Liberals will end up with less seats. The Conservatives will pick up a lot, and the CCF will be stronger. In 10 years time the Liberals will have followed the example of the British counterparts, and there will only be two federal parties of any importance, the CCF and the Conservatives. If the Liberals had elected Paul Martin to lead them instead of Pearson, we would give them a much better chance. As it is, the ordinary Liberal MO's must be getting tired of seeing civil servants boosted up to cabinet positions. Pearson, Pickersgill, St. Laurent, all came from the civil service or business and were promoted over the heads of men who had devoted their lives to the Liberal party. *****

We don't care what the Haileybury council says or thinks, the sight of men shovelling snow in this day and age is ridiculous.

FEBRUARY
 February 1—Rt. Hon. Louis St. Laurent born, 1882.
 February 1—18—Carnavale de Quebec, Quebec City
 February 2—Candlemas Day (Groundhog Day)
 February 2—8—National Health Week
 February 6—Accession of Queen

MY DAD'S AN ENGINEER

By Eve Murphy

I'll never forget the day of the wreck. I guess you wouldn't either if your dad were the engineer of a big Pennsylvania GG-1. It really scared me and I thought it might mean the end of the railroad for Dad. It's a good thing it didn't because next to Mom and me I think Dad loves that engine better than anything in the world. He's the swellest Dad there ever was. I've heard him talk about trains as long as I can remember so I'll bet it won't be long before I'll be a real help to him. It's a thrill to watch him get at his place at the controls and then throw the switch that sends the big train roaring down the track. It always gives me a funny feeling in my throat, and then I slide my hand in my pocket and hold on to my lucky rabbit's foot real hard until the train turns the bend down by the coal yard. I'd like to be on hand every day, but sometimes it's too late for me to be up.

The day of the wreck was a swell fall day. I'd been raking up some of the leaves in the back yard when Mom called that dinner was ready. I started to eat, and then I heard the train whistle, real faint, just like Dad blows it when it gets in the valley outside of the town. I tried to gulp my food down as fast as I could when Mom wasn't looking so I'd at least be in time to see the train come into the station.

"I'm through, Mom," I said. "I'd better go watch the engine come in."
 "O.K. honey," Mom smiled wearily, putting Dad's dinner in the oven, and then sitting down to eat alone. "You'd better put a sweater on though," she said as I ran out of the kitchen. I don't know why, but my Mom just doesn't seem to like trains as much as Dad and I do.

The station was still empty when I got there so I was glad I had pushed my dessert behind the milk bottle where Mom couldn't see it. The glare of the big headlight was on the trestle bridge now just outside of the town. Dad always blew the whistle loud when it got there, and the sound of it made the excitement start to creep up in my throat again.

It would only be a few seconds now until the engine came in. As it rounded the curve into town, the light shone right in my face. My hand started sliding into my pocket and when it touched the rabbit's foot I thought I was sure lucky to have a Dad like mine.

The train seemed to be coming faster than usual. Then all of a sudden I saw it. Right across the track was a big truck. The train was almost on top of it. The lump in my throat felt like it was choking me, but I couldn't even yell. Daddy must have seen it then too, because the brakes went on, but it was too late. The engine smashed right into the truck! I saw pieces of it flying into the air. I had a glimpse of the engine rolling over before I put my hands up to my eyes. I just couldn't look anymore. The tears were running down my face. "The engine's wrecked. Daddy! Daddy!" I cried and cried, not daring to look up at the wrecked train.

I felt an arm around my shoulders then, and lifted my head to see Dad holding his favorite engine. "It's all right, son. We can get a new truck in the dime store. Look, our engine's not even scratched."

The door at the top of the stairs opened then. "Hey, you two, I think trains are swell, but this is the last call to dinner," Mom called. "Besides, I told you to put on a sweater in that damp basement."

Elizabeth II, 1952
 February 6-9—Banff Winter Carnival, Banff, Alta.
 February 8-9—North American Cross Country Ski Championships, Sudbury, Ont.
 February 8-9—North American Ski Jumping Championships, Sault Ste. Marie, Ont.
 February 9-15—White Cane week (Canadian National Institute for the Blind)
 February 10—Canada ceded by Treaty of Paris, 1763.
 February 10—Upper and Lower Canada united, 1840.
 February 12—Abraham Lincoln born, 1809.

February 14—St. Valentine's Day
 February 16-23—Brotherhood week (Canadian Council of Christians and Jews)
 February 17-20—Canadian Conference on Education, Ottawa Ontario.
 February 18—Shrove Tuesday.
 February 19—Ash Wednesday
 February 20-23—Dominion Senior Ski Championships, Kimberley, B.C.
 February 22—George Washington born, 1732.
 February 26-28 Trappers' Festival, The Pas, Man.

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