Editorial Page

Re-examining All Drivers

It was announced last week that in all probability a new and periodical examination will be required of all motor car drivers. The ostensible object of the move is to cut down on the orgy of death and destruction on our highways. On the face of it such a move_might_appear_laudable, but we beg · leave to doubt if it would be effective.

We believe it was Elbert Hubbard who evolved the epigram that "the fear of the police is the spinal column of religion." Such, we also believe, is the attitude of the reckless driver toward traffic rules. If the police are not visible why bother with the rules? Notice it yourself. You may be driving well within the limit but you unconsciously slow down when one of those Holstell cars shows

So it would be with the reckless driver

Beware, Young at Work

. Mr. Ribicoff, a member of the Kennedy cabinet, has created discussion by his statement that the laws concerning employment of children are too restrictive. To illustrate his point he tells of his own career, which.... apparently started as early as that of Davy :-·Crockett.

. Within reason, a bit of work on the part of bbys and girls at a fairly early age does them no harm. Perhaps the greatest loss in the shifting of population from the farm to the city has been that farm children used to have chores to do and did them fairly well, even the littlest child being a hunter of eggs.

One has yet to meet a person who had to work at an early age who feels that he suffered therefrom. There are people who remember the Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen as a man of great capacity. He was a year older In university than was his great rival William Lyon-Mackenzie King. The reason for the disparity was the young Arthur Meighen had to take a year out to earn some money for the furtherance of his education.

A misfortune for some young people who have to start working too early is that their education sometimes ends when they quit school. Others never cease to learn. All, or nearly all, of the current crop of bank presidents started to work in banks when they left high school, or even earlier. Yet in a gathering of the learned it would be difficult for the casual observer to tell the difference between the graduate of an advanced school and a graduate from a teller's

Physically, it is highly probable that boys and girls who are protected by law are under-exploited. Mentally, it depends on whether there is the native urge to keep learning.

Divide and Conquer

It is of their own making, but there is no doubt that West Berlin, an island of freedom and prosperity, must be a terrible irritation to the communist powers. Not the least of the embarrassment is the stream of refugees that flows to that island and on through the 100-mile escape corridor to the West. By all Marxian logic the flow should be in the other direction, to the "workers" paradise" behind the Iron Curtain.

Following Khrushchev's latest threat to sign a separate peace agreement with East Germany the stream mounted to a new peak of 3,000 arrivals over a single weekend. Mainly, of course, the refugees fled through fear that the Berlin loophole might be closed. But all spoke of food shortages, and farmers told of ruin of the farms through bureaucratic bungling since the forced total collectivization of agriculture last spring. Industrial workers said they abandoned their homes and possessions because of the con-- stant pressure to work more, for less pay. Others forecast that the East German government will soon impose the "internal passport" system, identity cards valid only for a local district that will mean the loss of freedom of movement within the country.

However, the communists' revival of the Berlin crisis probably has motives other than simply to close the escape route and wreck West Berlin's prosperity. Perhaps China is

when under examination. With the examiner sitting by his side he would be extremely careful to meticulously observe all the rules. As a result he would pass his exam with -first-class honors and return to his reckless routine, with a self approving sneer at how easy it was to get away with it.

It would seem that the present demerit system, rigorously enforced, is far more effective than a periodical re-examination could possibly be, and would not involve the extra expense of the latter.

The head of the O.P.P. has asked for a sizeable increase in the number of traffic officer force to give a more effective checkup on the highways. It would probably be not more expensive than the; conduct of a couple of million yearly examinations and would probably be a lot more effective.

-The Ridgetown Dominion

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After nearly 45 years of com-

plete bewilderment, I think I'm

beginning to understand the Old

Battleaxe at last. This summer,

I'm taking a course in psycho-

logy and it fits her like a suit of

wet long underwear. I used to

think she acted the way she did

because she was a woman. Or

of pure Irish in her. Or because

I wasn't making enough money.

or wasn't a good enough father,

or didn't do the chores around

the house. But it wasn't any of

these things. It was because she's

just about as psychological as

It's all beginning to fall into

a pattern. When I began taking

these lectures, there seemed

something familiar about them

- as though I'd taken the

course before. Then I realized

that my wife was a walking

case history and that she'd had

practically every cone of the

neuroses we were discussing,

at least once. Only last week,

. I realized that all these years,

she's been suffering from an in-

teriority complex. As the fellas

say, va coulda tooled me. But

now I'm trained in psychology.

I can see the signs. It says in

my notes that the person who

is over-compensating, for fad-

ure to achieve his goal-a typi-

cal interiority complex case-

may become pugnacious and

Of course, sometimes the per-

son who cannot solve a problem,

or reach a goal, succumbs in

another way out, 'it says. This

results in the Emotional Explos-

ion or as you old-tashioned-lay

per tantrum. This is usually pro-

duced in babies by a restriction

of some sort, such as holding

their arms. It is produced in ex-

agily the same way in ladies who

are trying to clobber you. They

become even more violent when

you wrap your leg around theirs.

so they can't kick you on the

shins. This requires a good deal

of facility in standing on one leg-

Another lattle gem Two culled

from the course is "Roasin"

and emotion don't mix App's

reason and it will cut down

on emotion." Well I've tried

that with the Old Gill Whin

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somable. I'm atraid they're 2+

ing to have to remove that

maxim from the books. Maybe

there's something within with

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torch to the drapes. Strangely

enough. I'm scarcely psycho-

in all fairness, I must cadnot

that apply to me. When I am

known as the Indirect Reac

tion, instead of the Emotional

logical at all, myself. However

Just call me 'Sink'.

people might term it, the tem-

belligerent. That's my gul.

they come.

because she had a large dollop

One interesting fact that has recently come to light, although never concealed, is that Grattan O'Leary, the editor of the Ottawa Journal, never had the privilege of attending high school. Yet he is properly considered as one of the best-informed individuals in Canada, and, as an orator, a worthy follower of the notable trishman after whom he was named. He is an editorial writer who is ever willing to give good advice to governments and others.

A former Canadian who now occupies a pre-eminent position in his field in the United States sometimes tells of his experience as the oldest'son of a large family in the retail business. The store had to be opened at 7 a.m. Wood had to be chopped, fires had to be lit and all prepared for father when he arrived at 8. It was a quick rush to school up the long hill and at noon there was a run on foot each way so that the boy could have his own lunch and keep store while his father had his. A similar routine followed the regular school hours, and the store hours in those days did not admit of much leisure before 8 or 9 o'clock. There were also a horse and a cow to be looked after. This was a little easier in winter than in summer for the pasture was some distance from the stable and in the winter the hay had merely to be thrust down from the mow.

This may have been exploitation of the family by the father, but the family ate more regularly because of the effort that had to go into the business.

It would be impossible in the present state of sentiment for there to be any step that would lead backward to the days when children of eight for fewer years worked in mines and in similar places.

pressing Moscow to act tougher. Perhaps Moscow wants a war scare to distract the attention of the Russians from food shortages and other economic problems. More likely, however, the main motive is the old one of attempting to divide the Western

There is no legal question of the Allied military rights of conquest in West Berlin. The United States, the United Kingdom and France are fully empowered to garrison West Berlin, to protect the city's independence and its people, and to have access to the city. These rights exist until they are relinguished by treaty or violated by force of arms. Nor will these rights be lost to the Allies if Russia signs a separate peace treaty with East Germany.

However, it now appears that East Getmany, backed by Moscow, will soon claim that the Allied rights of conquest do not include freedom of civilian traffic to West Berlin. This would be contrary to the acknowledgment definitely given by Russia in the Four-Power Agreement of 1949. It is a point that would make a nice case for an international court of law. But the communists are not willing to debate the point in a court of law. They hope that bluster and double-talk will scare us into a backdown on Berlin and bring disunity in the



Summer Silhouettes"

-Photo by Esther Taylor

Sugar and Spice...

never managed. It's impossible for a father and husband in these times.

A second reaction is the Suffering Hero. This is one of my favorites and I use it often, I see myself, lying there, after the acident, covered with blood, cold. stiff, amazingly handsome all of sudden, and my wife hurling herself, weeping bitterly, on my hest. She shricks, "Darling, come-back to me! I didn't mean a word of it. You've been a wonderful husband!", while the kids stand by bawling piteously and, for once, not wanting me to take them swimming. The other type of Indirect Reaction is Rationalization, and it fits, too. This consists of convincing-vourself of something that is not necessarily true. But this I've been doing for about the past 35 years, so I might as well relax

and enjoy it. However, these are mild and harmless reactions, so you can see that it's not me, but my wife about whom I'm concerned. It's difficult to understand how a person can live all these years with someone as normal as I and still be so psychological. Another of her troubles is that she's obviously a passive periphrastic. Woops. Just a minute. I've wandered over into my Latin notes. No, here it is. She's a straightforward case of anxiety. This is typified by worry, foreboding, dread, inner distress. That is, something is going to happen, or you think it is.

Some of the anxiety symptoms are: depression for no apparent reason; upset by little things; snaps at attempts at kindness; angry at nothing at all; nervous, edgy; streak of cruelty. This is our place, practically any Sunday morning. It's fascinating, even if a little disturbing, to see someone you know so well unlolding right before your eyes.

But we're only scratching the surface. We haven't come to it in the course vet but I'm looking forward to learning the psychological motives behind her taking up playing the organ, and her throwing a pertectly good gin-and-tonic all over me last Saturday night. I'll fill you in as we get to them.

G:A.D. About

Just Here and There

a leader from one of the West. ern provinces. In Ontario the leader of the Conservative Parts has stepped out or rather has amenunced his injentions of giving up his leadership of the party. It has been quite a week

for headling news in the dailies Here at home it seems to me that most everyone has been on holidays and is just now getting back and settled down. That latter thought is from the viewpage of an Liederick St veran

They made it a rule not to dea with outer space matters so I as " skip anything in referen ce of the Russians. The new park femal in Ottawa is to by a limited the New Demokratic Par y and the new Sader is from Sask its heavan where he has head ed he C C I party and the gavernment of the day. The new capter is not so up a to many of us. I beard lain address a garner me age as a standarder of years der He is a former Baptist pointer and I think he was a

practice at one time. He was also a member of the House of Comtime I do it it's like applying a mont of Ottowa He is a very fline it speaker and is never still & Lot an answer. We will undoubled's bear much more from Mr. Douglas in the months about I've found a couple of labers after he got his new start last week in Ottawa Irustrated, I have what is I do recall that we have had

other attempts to put into office

While, the Russians have got. Stevens gathered about him a another man into space the party named, I think, the Re-Americans are still making the construction Party and none of count down and we here in Can- his followers including himself ada have formed a new party. Were elected. We have since had political party that is, and chosen the CCF with us in later years and in the various provinces other parties have had some success in electing governments to office with various names and

> I recall elections of my boxhood days when David Henderson was the member for Halfon On election hight we used to get out the band to 20 to Mr. Head erson's home where we serenaded with such tunes as "O Canada", "The Maple Leaf Forever , Britons Never, Never Shall be Slaves' until we were adjusted into the home and treated to somitwiches, cake and coffee

> Then a group would gather packing cases and a gallon or two of coaton Ib so were houled up to Cabble Hill and a huge bontare was lighted while the band played some more When we were all fined out we welt: home, satisfied that the faritts would be protected jand the country was perfectly safe

> Thise were the days We did not What Cabout the Congo of Russians of space We thought the place above was beaven and all below was a tiery furnace

We will all miss Premier Frost from the Ontario scene, in this retirement Even the leader of the Liberal party in Ontario rather greefully admits that much, and most everyone else is sorry to see, him , leave the leadership in the province and Explosion, In this bit, you can at Ottawa other than Conserva the place he has occupied in do one of several, things, to live or Liberal governments and public life I would not want to compensate for your tallure, they have all tailed Between smake any predictions on what One is having Delusions of the first and second world wars changes, if any, will result in the Grandeur, This one I, have a group led by a man named . luture.

THE GOOD OLD DAYS

BACK Taken from the baue of the Free Press, Thursday, August 14, 1941.

During the Civic Holiday, Acton and Georgetown clubs held friendly games at the bowling greens here with Acton ending up the victors at the end of the day. Joseph Holmes and D. M. Henderson were skips for the Acton teams' and were congratulated by players on both teams for their fine efforts.

The accident occurred Tuesday afternoon when the hoisting arrangement used to take materials to the roof became loose as a bucket of hot tar was being, raised. Mr. Blair, who was waiting to take it off the lift, was thrown off the roof when the framework went over. Fortunately the hot, far missed him when he fell and he escaped what might have been serious burns as well as other injuries.

The big carnival and bingo arranged by the Soldiers' Comforts Committee drew a splendid crowd in Acton Saturday night. The parade was one of the best military parades here in some time and the equipment Camp Borden was on display at the park for everyone to spect: Many games and amusements were prominent at park as well as bingo and large crowd in attendance ceived their full share of entertainment. Complete returns from the evening will be used to pro vide comforts for the soldiers.

During the regular council meeting Tuesday evening, it was learned the new vault for the town office had been installed as a further method of consolidating the municipal offices in one centre. This action followed the resignation recently of E. T. Thefford as town treasurer, During the meeting, Miss Bertie Speight was officially appointed treasurer and collector of taxes.

The August meeting of the Acton Women's Institute was held in the park in the form of pienie. After a short business discussion, the members enjoyed games and races prior to bounteous pienie supper. One of the main features for the children was the peanut scramble at the conclusion of the races.

Taken from the laute of the Free

Press, Thursday, August 10, 1911. Acton Fire Brigade, accompanied by Acton Citizens' Band, went to Brampton vesterday to participate in the big firemen's demonstration there. According to reports, both the firemen and the bandsmen were received quite graciously as they appeared in the parade.

-St: Joseph's Sunday school picnic arranged for Civic Holiday was a decided success. The children, accompanied by their parents, met at the church and were met by several neighboring tarmers with wagons to convey everyone to the home of Mrs. George Mulholland at Dublin Highlights of the afternoon proved to be the ball game and tugof-war between the town and country. At the end of the ball game, the town were the victors but the country team won out in the tug-of-war game. At the conclusion of the games and contests, everyone enjoyed a picnic supper on the spacious lawn.

Acton Football Club visited Guelph last Saturday and were represented by the following players: J. Nicols, T. Williamson, J. Wood, R. Goodison, H. Holmes, R. Westerhead, N. Garden, J. Jennings, C. Holmes, J. Williamson and H. Righy. The Acton team was somewhat surprised when the Guelph team trotted out on the field and comprised the pick of the crop of all the Guelph teams. The dirst half ended scoreless but at the end of the game, Action had netted one point, blanking out the Guelph players.

Mr. Gordon Beardmore has been spending the past weeks touring the northern_lakes in a tast launch which he recently tinished building, Mr. Alex Mackie just returned home after spending a week or so with Mr. Beardmore and he reports the boat to be in excellent condition and the speed tast. He pointed out several places of interest the two men visited, remarking at the beauty of the northern area.

The "V" for Victory is much in evidence everywhere these days, but when Mrs. Harvey Hodgins noticed a perfect letter in white on the stem of a green rubber plant, it certainly was not one placed there by those interested in the present V for Victory campaign.

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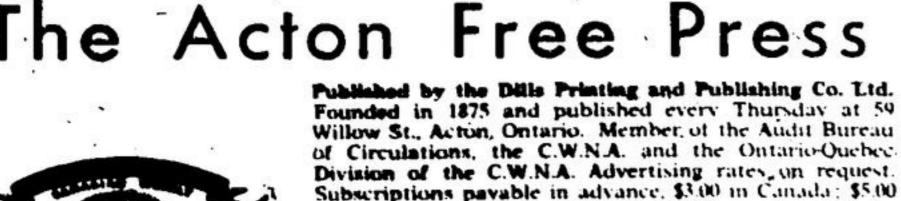
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