# The Biggest Hurdle . . .

A mysterious upsurge in traffic accidents swept right across North America in 1962. Statistics showed record highs in the indices of tragedy and waste reported from the U.S., from Canada, from Ontario.

The eccident infection is still scourging this province, says the Ontario Safety League. Last year was the worst ever in the - number of accidents in nearly every category: yet the first quarter of 1963 is running well shead of 1962. All traffic accidents up 14.5%; total deaths up 10.8%; injuries up 27.3%; pedestrians killed up 45.5%.

Do Canadians care about the never ending trapedies that stein our roads? Do they care enough to support the radical measures that could reduce the toll?

Many people claim that the traffic accident problem is rooted in public epathy. Ar. A. G. DeLorenze, Vice President, General Motors, says: "I want to take issue with this frequently-voiced complaint. I simply do not believe this is true. I believe the great majority of people are seriously concerned about traffic accidents. They earnestly want remedial action.

"But, important as it is, traffic safety is

# is Mother's Day

Mother's Day, this Sunday, is an opportunity for all of us to make up for the little we forget throughout the year. Motherhood is often called a blessed state, but its problems must at least equal its rewards.

Not enough she must beer us She must also rear us, wipe runny noses, change unpleasant diapers, hold frightened hands. She punishes when we are wrong and praises when we are right. On her fells the responsibility of instilling in us the moral and legal principals that make of us strong and worthwhile edulis.

Even then her job is not done Our problems, the troubles of our friends, and eventually those of her grandchildren all fall on her willing shoulders. Her invaluable experience is sought on a countless volume of subjects. And often oh so often, it is impossible to express the full measure of thanks and gratitude to her.

A special day for Mother is certainly war. railled As a matter of fact, the practice of honoring mothers is a custom that goes back to early history. ...

thers were held in awo, and reverence by Chinese families. Ancient Romans showed their respect for mothers by celebrating an ennual festival, in honor of Hilaria, the Mother-Goddess. Mexico's Nahuan Indians held

not the only problem confronting people. In today's world we all have to ration our worry time. Those seeking massive support for new means to attack the traffic problem must settle for their fair share of public concern, competing with other issues ranging from juvenile delinquency to nuclear war.

"Let's not call people 'apathetic' just because they don't raise a clamor on some technical matter where the initiative clearly lies with the authorities. Rather, we should recognize that the public will support desirable traffic safety measures if their work is demonstrated, and if support is sought."

There are some high hurdles to clear in the pursuit of public support, according to the Ontario Safety League. People must be asked to accept a substantial amount of requlation. They must be asked to approve and pay for still more regulation. They must be esked to be petient while solutions to vexing problems are sought to have confidence even when the picture painted is gloomy.

People must be asked, also, to admit that they are neither perfect drivers nor traffic experts. This is probably the biggest hurdle!

flower festivals for Chicomehuatl, the Earth Mother Goddess, more than 1,000 years ago. During the early 17th century in England, boys and girls working away from home were allowed to spend "Mothering Sunday" with their families

In North America, Mother's Day is credited to Miss Anna M. Jarvis, a Philadelphia .Sunday School teacher. She held a memorial service for her own mother at the Methodist Church in Philadelphia in 1908, and the idea of honoring mothers spread rapidly Six years later, President Wilson signed a Congressional resolution setting aside the secand Sunday of every May as the official Mother's Day and its celebration soon became popular in Canada, too. .

Don't forget to remember Mother on Mother's Day Say thank you for all her tavors this year and since the moment you were born.

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For the phoce department spring clean us we have noticed them using the radar Centuries before the birth of Christ, mor equipment acquired lest year. A good intensive spring roundup of the cowhoys and car jockeys will go a long way towards making the streets safe for the children and pedestrians. Police have been conducting occasional car safety checks as well.

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### 20 YEARS AGO

Taken from the laste of the Free Proce of May 7; 1943. All public school teachers have been offered re-engagement and salary increases amount to \$1,400 in the appregate."

A training plane of the Avro-Anson type made a forced landing on the farm of Mr. R N. Brown Sunday morning Fuel supply was running low and it was unable to return to base.

Right on the dot, just as in. the Third Victory Loan, Acton and district hit half its objective vesterday and marked the completion of the first lap and over \$112,500 raised. The official time the Blitz Bomb went off was 6.41. p.m. and officials went to work on hundreds of coupons to see which estimate came closest. The winner was finally determined to be Mr. George Stewart, Willow St., whose guess was just minutes out. He, wins a 325 War Savings certificate. We were told his estimate was actually made by Miss Reta Stuckey, who has been an invalid at the home for several years. Congratulations to

And now for the next half. There'll be another Blitz Bomb

both of them.

(A full page ad says "Back the Local Boys" - 300 Reasons for Acton - District Fourth Victory Loan, and lists alphabetically all the district men and women in the armed services. The ad was sponsored by Acton Creamery, Free Press, L. W. Agar, Barr's, G. W. Benton, Braida's, Brown's drug store, Brown's grocery, Elliott Bros., Hassard's drug store, Hinton's, Johnstone and Rumley, Lovell Bros. J. B. Mac-Kenzie and Son, MacDonald Bakery, Masales Dairy, Massey's meats, T. T. Nelle Grocery, Paltant's, B. D. Ruchlin, Miss K. Roszell, Symon Hardware, Talbot Hardware. Toth's Shoes Repairs, Watson Dairy, Wilds Home Bakery, Royal Cafe and William

Meat and intoxicating liquors come in for rationing this May. New cement steps are being placed at the town hall

# **50 YEARS AGO**

Press of May 8, 1913. The Laurier demonstration in the arena, Toronto, attended by 8,000, was an inspiring rully of Ontario Liberalism.

At the annual meeting of the Women's Institute the following officers were appointed for the year: President, Mrs. Jas. L. War-1st' Vice-President, Mrs. (Dr.) Gray: 2nd Vice-President, Mrs. A. Bell: Secretary-Treasurer. Miss J. E. Harvey; Organist, Miss Turton. Directors - Mrs. W. H. Stewart, Mr. Jos. Holmes, Mrs. A. Brown and Mrs. W. Lnird. Musical committee, Misses Turton and Wallace and Mrs. Clarridge. Social committee. Mesdames E. Gamble, Folster, A. Bell and I Stephenson.

Thursday the steam boiler in the saw mill at Stewarttown exploded and completely wrecked the mill. That no one was killed is a miracle since four men were inside the mill at this time and Mr. Walter Lawson and his son. Walter, had just left the boiler room. Mr. Wm. Bescoby was blown clear of the mill.

A considerable number of citizens are already sorry they voted for the veturn of licensed barrooms.

A caravan of gipsies passed through fown Monday. They had seven wagons with the usual complement of wives and children and extra horses in the out-

The principal streets will be oiled in a few days. The dust has been troublesome for a fort-

The mercury was up to 80 the first of May. Get ready for the visit of the sanitary inspector by tidying up

yards and premises The old stage which carried His Majesty's mail from Guelph to Erin has disppeared. It has been replaced by an up-to-date motor car. With the old stage it required one day to make the trip and a change of horses.

Wear a white flower for moth er next Sunday. The best monument a young man can erect is a clean, upright life.

MILTON-Former Postmaster, former fire chief, sportsman, soldier and an active participant in many community affairs, William T. Randell has been chosen Milton's "-tisen of the Year." He will be honored at a banquet, May 15,

GEORGETOWN-Principal J. L. Lambert estimates up to 335 extra students will be seeking high school class accommodation next tall. The increase would up the registration to 1,025, or slightly more than the designed capacity of the schools.

STREETSVILLE - Former O.P.P. officer Ray Hodgson of Brad ford has been appointed Chief Constable, following the resignation of Chief E. N. "Ted" Rutledge effective July J. Mr. Rutledge will continue on the force as Deputy Chief.

OAKVILLE - Vandals contine wanton desecration of public schools in Oakville. The most recent outbreak happened at Westwood Public School, when invaders made a shambles of the school, using materials prepared for a Home and School Association's bake sale. In vaudville style, they threw iced cakes against blackboards,

BRAMPTON-Brampton High School students staged a 50-mile hike from home to Orangeville and back, with 27 of the 102 starters finishing the marathon pace. More than 80 of them completed the first half of the journey. One of the teachers went along too, but he did some beforehand preparation by soaking his feet in solutions for C-J 4 three days prior to the walk-

### Offer Pamphlet

# Need Home Fire Escape Plan

Do you and your family have +a pre-arranged plan for, escaping from your home in the event of a fire? It you awoke tonight to find your house on fire, howwould you get out safely?

To help you make such a plan, the Halton County Fire Prevention Bureau, in co-operation with the Ontario Safety League; has recently issued a pamphlet outlining the basic steps to be taken in setting up a fire escape planfor your home. It is called "Plan YOUR EMAPS.

This pumphlet will be widely, distributed through Halton County, Copies of the pamphlet can be obtained by writing or calling your local the department Your whole family's lives mus depend on whether or not tou have such an Thape plan

Although planning a tire emape toute to use in the event of a tire is of prime importance, it is equally important to take steps to prevent free from starting.

Piles of rubbish near the furnace, faulty wiring, traved Neutrical cords. Lighty heating equipment, improperly stored inflammables, smoking in bed, untidy bousekeeping, matches with in the reach of children ... all give fire a place to start.

## Play on Roof

Constable Mersin Harness of the Acton O.P.P. Detachment played nursemaid to three voungsters Monday evening. He caught the children playing on the roof of Acton Home Furnishings store and drive them home after giving them a warning. He received a complaint from a tenant in the

# Forest, Fishing On New Stamps

The Post Office Department to day released information on the new two-cent and three-cent regulat issue Queen Elizabeth stamp which went on sale on May 2.

These new stamps, showing a pefetrait of Queen Elizabeth, executed by Ernest Rink of Montreal are the last stamps in the series of low denomination stamps begun in October of last year. Each of the stamps bears in the upper left hand corner, a symbol of a segment of the Canadian econ-

### Use Tree, Flah

Portraved on the new two-cent stamp is a tree, symbolic of Ca-'mada's forestry and forest products industries. On the new three cent stamp, there is a fish, representative of the fishing in dustry. The new two cent stamp will be green in colour, as is the present one, but the three-ent stamp will be purple The Post Office Department explained that the change in colour was made necessary because of confusion that resulted from the closeness in colour of the present four cent and five cent stamps. At the same please drop in. No advance nottime as the change in colour, the ice is necessary. Post Office Department also en deavoured to have the colours made much deeper and to secure inks in which the tonal values CAB easily be identified.

# = THE GOOD OLD DAYS = Sugar and Spice

Mother's Day is just around ' the corner And so I think I'll take this chance to warn 'er Not to be fooled by all the flowers and fuss.

When Monday comes, we'll be right back to us. And you know what "us" are

like during the other 364 days. Us cat like hogs and vanish, leaving Mother with the dishes. Us walk across Ma's clean floor with our swamp-soiled hip waders. Us stay out too late and make Mummy's nerves shriek. Us arise on Mom's third clarion call in the a.m. and basel her out for not waking us up on time. Us comes home take an extra big wedge out of the cake Ma has baked for the church tea. Us spill gravy on our clean blouses and chuck them into Mom's laundry. Us decorate door-knobs. chairbacks and floors with our clothes, because Mom gets a big kick out of putting things away. Us drive Mother right up the wall. Daily.

Mothers come in three sizes: regular, large and family size. They come in several shades: red with rage, white with fear and gray with exhaustion. Some are thin and holy-looking. Some are roly poly-look-

But every single one of them a martyr and I say it without frony. Martyrs are people who were burned at the stake, just once. Mothers burn all day and

Mothers are like farmers. They plant the seed carefully in the only ground they have to work - their children nurture it with care, watch with deep delight as the first

Let's Play Bridge

By Bill Coats

non duplicate players to play no

trumps contracts. L suppose they

have been caught by the op-

ponents long suit at one time

Duplicate players, however

love no trumps contracts since

the extra ten points for the first

trick, i.e. 40 instead of 30, can

mean the difference between a

When it comes to minor suit

contracts, the rubber bridge

player should agree with the

duplicate player. Why try for an

Il trick contract when a 9 trick

one will give you the same score

Hence minor suits are looked

North

D-A K 10 8 6

East

S-0753

.D -V 0 1 D

C-A 10 8 7 5 2

Smith

2 N T

11-162

Fast

Pass

top and un average.

or another.

at no trumps.

Bridge Club.

D-09742

rounts

Q J 10 9 X).

Dealer West.

Both sides vulnerable.

S-A J 9

H-K 8 4

S-K 8 4 2

H - A 7 3

D .. J S 1

C- K O 6

3 N T All Pass

North with a good opening bid

and a good suit opens one dia

mond East cannot mention clubs

as the suit does not contain

enough playing tricks. South's

leap to 2 no trumps shows a

balanced hand and 12 to 14

diamonds as tricks at no tromps

West should open a heart since

the diamonds have been bid The

only time to lead a suit but

by the opponents at no trumps

is when your suit is solid, (ex.

In spite of the had diamond

solit. South can take Il tracks

and did so both times the bestel

was played at no trumps One

pair tried five diamonds which

can make hist was down one. A

Granted the diamonds did

fourth pair played the hand a

break sery posity but why try

for 11 tricks when 9 will do 11

one suit breaks hadly was have

fixer new comers from George

town last week Mrs. Hollenback

and Miss Logan were the will

ners on April 29th Miss Lealer

and Mrs. Gibbnes were the other

two newcomers. Of the four,

cate Mrs. Mollenback had play-

The Acron Bridge Club wil

continue duplicate games on

Monday night till the end of

June so if allyone else would

like to try duplicate bridge

This week's winners: first,

Mike Lorusso and Earl Emond.

tied with Mrs. Kay Campbell and

Bill Coats; third, Mr. and Mrs.

ed duplicate before.

Duke Wilhos.

We were pleased to welcome

other cards to fall back upon

two species, just making it.

and raise to I no trumps

North should now look on his

North

Suggested Bidding:

C - 93

There is a reluctance among

green shoots appear, tremb lest they be flattened by the elements, view with pride the ripening stalks and recoil with

out to be wild outs.

Some mothers are like hens. They sit on their offspring until- extremes are all the other mothe kids or either rotten or halfbaked Others are like cats. They birth their young, feed them well until they can sat by themselves, silver haired ladies who smile then give them a lick and let them fend for themselves.

horror when the crop turns

Some mothers swear, drink beer and run around town. Most mothers bear, drink !ea and run around the block look. ing for their kids at supper-

Some mothers - and I hate to say it at this semi-sacred time are slobs. They sit around drink. .. ing coffee in their bathrobes. The only time they get out of their slippers is when they go out to play bingo. They whine indesent ly at the kids and husbands. Their household gods are the can opener, the freezing compartment and the television set. They have runs in their stockings, curlers in their hair and aching backs.

Some mothers are just the opposite. They are out of bed like a Roman candle in the morning and continue to explode at regular intervals all day. They drive their kids and bully their husbands. They redecorate at the drop of a color chart. They move the furniture around. Then join clubs and terrorize the other moth ers in them. They liee down the short corridor of life though pursued by a stream of molten lava.

And somewhere between these thers, like yours and mine. Oh, they are not all perfect, our mothers. They are not gentle, little, and mind their own business and hand out cookies, there are saints and sinners, golfers and gad-abouts, naggers and nappersand nippers- among them. But they're the real mothers and they can be forgiven any of their lie the foibles .-

They we the women . whe bore children proudly, played with them joyfully, taught them carefully and walloped them with aching heart when they had to.

sed their children with tenderness when they were ill, kissed their bumps when they fell, listened to their troubles with sympathy and showed them the beauty and the joys of life.

They are the real mothers. God bless them for what they have done in this world and reward them with a perpetual Mother's Day in the next.

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