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## When Talkies Were Young

Those who remember the early days of the "Talkies" will get an extra kick when they see "Singin' In the Rain" which is playing later this week at the Roxy.

If your memory stretches back to circa 1928, maybe you can recall the first time you heard pictures talk. We can still remember our first... a short with Eddy Peabody, king of the banjo players in the days when banjos were top instruments in dance bands. Then a little later, shows like "Broadway Melody," with Bessie Love, Charles King and luscious Anita Page; stars like Greta Garbo, Mario Dresser, Janet Gaynor, Sue Carol, Colleen Moore, Buddy Rogers. The days when shows were advertised as 100 per cent talking, singing and dancing. The times, before the sound was incorporated on the sound track proper and the recording mechanism would get out of kilter and the heroine would suddenly have a bass voice and the hero a falset-

to. And the times too, when the sound would go on the blink completely and there would be no dialogue at all for several minutes.

The Talkies spelled doom to many a screen star, particularly those with heavy foreign accents and those whose voices did not match their screen personality. Matinee idol John Gilbert, Pola Negri, Lys de Putti, Lew Cody, Anna Q. Nilsson, Lars Hansen, Dolores Del Rio faded fast. With the craze for musical pictures, stars like Gloria Swanson engaged singers to "dub in" on the sound track. Producers of silent movies were caught in the middle and silent pictures in production were scrapped and never released.

"Singin' In the Rain" brings this all back to mind as it follows the career of two silent stars and the sudden realization that glamour had to have a voice to match. As we said, those who remember the first talkies will get real enjoyment from the picture.

## School Safety Measures

Parents who may have been worrying about children crossing the highway to the new school can rest easy when we tell them of what the school board has done and is planning as safety measures.

From the day school opened, caretaker Thomas Warnes has been on duty, or has been replaced by properly delegated senior students, to see groups of children across on their way to and from school. Hand "Stop" signs have been ordered and are expected to arrive any day now which will give Mr. Warnes authority to stop cars, rather than wait for breaks in the traffic to see that students get across safely. Crossing lanes have also been painted across the roadway to provide a central place for everyone to cross, and a larger sign warning motorists that they are in a

school one has been placed by the highway department near the school.

A further improvement will be the clearing of the sidewalk on the east side of the highway of gravel and debris which have almost completely covered it since the winter snowplowing. The school board has been promised by the town that this will be done within the next week.

Parents can cooperate with school authorities by reminding their children to cross in the proper place and at the proper times. The highway, narrow and busy as it is, will always be a dangerous menace, but with the measures taken by the school board and with children themselves observing safety rules, there is little danger of accident.

## Let's Get Away from "Me First" Attitude

(by Paul Jones, Director of Public Information, National Safety Council)

The big trouble with highway safety today is too much "me first". That's the rotten apple in the traffic barrel. Get rid of it and you've taken a big step toward reducing a highway toll that is a national disgrace.

The "me first" attitude of motorists is more serious than might be apparent at first glance. Actually, this boorish traffic behaviour goes deeper than mere lack of manners. It reflects the same attributes of greed, selfishness and disregard for the rights of others that bring about black marketing, bribery, corruption and the current slump in old fashioned morality.

It seems to me that basically there isn't a lot of difference between the politician who is inclined to regard public lands as his own private bankroll and the roadhog who regards the public highway as his own private racetrack. Each is merely taking his own way of saying "me first".

The next time you're out taking a "pleasure" drive take a look at what passes for good, clean fun on the highway. Observe the antics of the quaint characters you meet as they grimly give you the business in their mad scramble to be first at the finish line. Would you care to offer this charming bit of Americana to a stranger as a demonstrator's model of the American Way of Life?

Our modern traffic brawl is the greatest mass demonstration of gutter manners ever seen in this country. The marvel is not that so many people are killed and maimed in traffic, but that so many manage to survive.

So I earnestly recommend a concerted, continuing and relentless battle to change this "me first" attitude on the part of a big segment of the motoring pub-

lic. Either we do this, and quickly, or those of us who still care to stay alive had better abandon our cars and take to the hills.

It isn't going to be easy, of course, to bring about this change. In fact, a lot of people think it can't be done. I believe it can — but it will take a lot of time and a lot of effort by a lot of people.

For one thing, we must get a lot of glamour into safety. We have made it a dull, preachy thing that has no punch or sex appeal. We must employ the advertising and sales techniques that are being used so successfully today to sell permanent waves, girdles and cigarettes.

And a big part of the job, it seems to me, is to change the public attitude so that the reckless show-off in traffic is regarded as a jerk, rather than being quite a fellow, and the polite, careful guy is considered a good Joe instead of being slightly sissy.

Better roads, tougher law enforcement, required driver training and more rigid driver licensing are other vital factors in reducing the traffic toll. But none of these can be achieved as long as the public greets safety appeals with "enthusiastic apathy."

No one can tell me that we really want safety on the highway when a driver can get drunk, run over a child, and get off easier than a hunter who is caught with an out-of-season deer.

And no one can tell me that we really want good drivers until parents insist that their sons and daughters be taught to operate an automobile as skillfully as they do a typewriter or a slide rule.

The accident toll will come down and come down fast, when — and only when — enough people take enough interest to do their part in making it come down.

—From "Public Safety" August 1952

## Mayors' Plowing Match Big International Show

Several new classes, a revised layout for the "Tented City" and an excellent site, all combine to give promise of an even bigger and better International Plowing Match and Farm Machinery Demonstration in 1952, so states F. A. Laahley, the secretary-manager of the Ontario Plowmen's Association who sponsors this event.

With headquarters located on the Carp Airport a few miles from Ottawa, interest is already running high and the Local Committee is working hard on the job of getting everything ready for the many guests who will visit the "International" in the week of October 7th.

Of the new classes which have

been added to the prize list this year, possibly the "Mayor's Class" is receiving more public attention. Started by a challenge from Mayor Charlotte Whitton to the mayors of Ontario, this has developed to a full-fledged event which will be held on the afternoon of October 8, immediately following the official opening. Already the challenge has been taken up by Mayor Lampert of Toronto, Mayor Smith of Woodstock and Mayor MacKenzie of Beaverton. The latter two officials are both ladies but undoubtedly some of the Ontario men will come forward to challenge the supremacy of the Ladies at the art of plowing. The winner will receive a Chal-

lengé Cup which is being presented by J. D. Thomas, Honorary president of the Ontario Conservation Association.

Two new classes for visitors — one for horse and the other for tractor plowing have been added to this year's list. These classes will be open only to plowmen from outside the Province of Ontario and it is expected there will be a number of American plowmen on hand to participate, in addition to competitors from other provinces.

Another change in the prize list is to be found in the Junior section. A tractor class, open to teams of two students from secondary schools throughout Ontario will replace what has been known as the Inter-County horse plowing match for Juniors.

Local County Day will also have some new points worthy of note.



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## CHURCH NEWS

St. George's Church  
 Archdeacon W. G. O. Thompson  
 Rector  
 Centennial Service.  
 Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity:

Sunday School 10 a.m.  
 Holy Communion 11 a.m.  
 Preacher, Rev. Percival Mayer.  
 Evensong, 7 p.m.

Preacher, Rev. Dawson Harris.  
 Social hour after Evensong in Church Basement.  
 St. Alban's Church, Glen Williams  
 Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity:  
 Matins and Litany — 9:30 a.m.  
 Sunday School — 10:30 a.m.

Knox and Limehouse  
 Presbyterian Churches  
 Rev. Alex Calder, B.A.  
 Knox Church  
 Sunday School — 10 a.m.  
 Public Worship — 11 a.m.  
 Limehouse Church  
 Sunday School — 1:30 p.m.  
 Public Worship — 2:30 p.m.

Holy Cross E.C. Church  
 Rev. Fr. V. J. Morgan  
 1st, 3rd and 5th Sundays:  
 Mass at 11 a.m.  
 2nd and 4th Sundays:  
 Mass at 9 a.m.

Georgetown Baptist Church  
 Rev. Alfred J. Barker, B.A., B.D.  
 Sunday, October 5th, 1952  
 10 a.m. — Church School for the family.  
 11 a.m. — "The Arm of the Lord"  
 7 p.m. — "Satisfied with thy Goodness"

Norval Charge  
 of the United Church  
 Rev. C. C. Gilbert, B.A., B.D.  
 Norval  
 11:15 a.m. — Public Worship  
 Glen Williams  
 7:00 p.m. — Public Worship  
 Home Church  
 10:00 a.m. — Public Worship

Norval, Hornby and Stewarttown  
 Rev. J. E. Maxwell, B.A., L.Th.  
 St. Paul's, Norval  
 9:00 a.m. — Holy Communion  
 11:00 a.m. — Holy Communion  
 (1st Sunday of the month)  
 (Anglican)  
 7:30 p.m. — Evensong  
 (2nd, 3rd and 4th Sundays of the month)

St. Stephen's, Hornby  
 11:00 a.m. — Morning Prayer  
 Except 1st Sunday in the month  
 Evensong at 8:00 p.m.  
 St. John's, Stewarttown  
 10:00 a.m. — Morning Prayer  
 Except 1st Sunday in month,  
 Evensong at 7:30 p.m.

In addition to having the Local Counties event for all counties east of and including Extonic and Renfrew, the Western Quebec Plowmen's Association are co-operating by sponsoring several classes for competitors from the counties of Papineau, Gatineau, and Pontiac. They are also contributing toward the expenses of all their members who participate in the match.

In addition to the new classes, the "Tented City" will have a new look this year. Instead of two streets as has been the case in the past there will be three streets with six rows of tents for exhibitors and caterers. This will make for shorter streets and a more compact layout. At the same time the Association is attempting to obtain a layout which will be advantageous to all concerned.



## SINGIN' IN THE RAIN

Gene Kelly and Debbie Reynolds, two bright stars in the technical musical "Singin' In the Rain" at the Roxy this week. This gay musical tells of the early days of the "talkies" when stars of the silent screen were faced with a new threat to their careers. Some of them won out, some didn't, and the picture tells a typical story.

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