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Speed Not Always Accident Cause: Chrysler Executive

WINS 100 POUNDS IN IRISH SWEEP

A local lady is some \$300 richer as a result of the Irish Sweepstakes draw. Mrs. Wally Sutherland, 15 Elizabeth Street was notified by cablegram that her ticket won a consolation prize of one hundred pounds.

Ruth McNally Prizewinner St. Joseph's Nursing Grad

Mrs. Mary Morrow of Victoria St. attended the graduation of her granddaughter Ruth McNally who graduated from the St. Joseph's Hospital School of Nursing, Toronto. The exercises were held in the Eaton Auditorium on Thursday, May 24th at 3 o'clock. A reception was held in the Round Room after graduation.

His Eminence James Cardinal McGuigan, D.D., Archbishop of Toronto was Honorary Chairman, Doctor W. T. G. Knowlton chairman. Mr. H. O'Grady was the organist. The address to the graduates was given by Rev. Douglas Daly, S.J.

Mrs. Morrow was justifiably proud of her granddaughter Ruth for she received along with her diploma the prize for excellence in Pediatric Nursing, donated by Dr. E. Harkins. Ruth who lived in town with her grandmother for several years and attended school here is now making her home in Mimico.

"While there is no question that accident severity increases with speed, the vast majority of injuries and fatalities have resulted from accidents in which impact speeds were 50 miles per hour or less," Roy C. Haeusler, Chrysler Corporation's chief safety engineer, told members of the Ontario Weekly Newspaper Association in Windsor last week.

Mr. Haeusler, a widely recognized authority on automobile safety, described as undesirable "the false sense of security of our motorists simply because they are driving within a 50-mile-an-hour speed limit." He pointed out that many enforcement organizations now define "speed" more carefully in relation to prevailing conditions.

Quoting from the findings of independent highway safety and research groups, Mr. Haeusler explained that average highway speeds had increased only slightly in relation to horsepower advances over the past few years. "The U.S. Bureau of Public Roads report for 1955 (based on data gathered in 1954) showed average-passenger car speed on inter-city highways to be 51.1 mph, two tenths of one mile an hour less than in 1953. Their corresponding figures for average passenger car speed in 1949 was 48.7 mph, for a gain of less than three mph, during the past five years when engine horsepower ratings have risen most rapidly," he said.

The speaker described horsepower as a safety feature of the modern automobile. "Power improves performance. A powerful car is able to reach traffic speeds more rapidly at-

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ter entering a main entry. It can extricate itself more quickly from potentially dangerous situations. It can cross a through highway and get out of the way of oncoming traffic more quickly. Such a car need spend less time on the wrong side of the road when passing another car," said Mr. Haeusler.

This calibre of performance, according to Mr. Haeusler, is possible only with today's higher horsepowerd automobiles and increased horsepower does not mean that people will drive faster.

"People have been able to reach the upper limit of reasonable speed for many years. It does not take very much horsepower to reach 70 mph, in an average sized car. As little as 60 h.p. will suffice in a smaller vehicle, while 100 hp is enough for a large car," Haeusler continued. He credited the motorist with having "established his own pattern (well below what is possible) on the basis of common sense, the speed laws, and his own ideas of what is enjoyable and untiring."

ONE LESS GROUNDHOG WHEN POLICE CALLED

A policeman's duties are varied, and last week a member of the local force was called to Market Street to deal with a "wild" animal which was annoying neighbourhood residents. The ground hog population was reduced by one with a well-placed shot when said policeman arrived on the scene.

MOTHER, GRANDFATHER VISITING IN ENGLAND

Dave Hastings of the Herald staff went to Malton yesterday to see his mother and grandfather off by plane for a three month trip to England. Mrs. Fred Hastings and Mr. George Wadlow will make their headquarters in London while visiting relatives in various parts of Britain.

Jim Ross Delegate At Club Convention

James A. Ross, Guelph furniture merchant and son of Mrs. James Ross, Georgetown, attended the convention of the Federation of Advertising and Sales Clubs last week end at Ste. Marguerite, Quebec. Past president of the Guelph club, he was one of the delegates representing Guelph at the convention.

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