

Drivers Face Road Tests Poor Records, Bad Vision

Ted Scott, Dora Sutherland, Anna T. Pritchard, Blanche Goodkett and Gail Collett, all of Georgetown were among those attending the Road Safety Workshops at the Inn on the Park, Toronto, January 4, 5 and 6. The workshops were sponsored by the Ontario Department of Transport.

The last day of the conference featured a workshop discussion on "helping to reduce traffic accidents through law enforcement." Magistrate Kenneth M. Langdon, also of Georgetown was a panel member. Magistrate Langdon is well known for his outspoken views on teenage drinking.

About 1,000 delegates from Halton, Peel, York and Ontario counties and Metro Toronto representing provincial and municipal government, the judiciary, law enforcement, industry and unions, the clergy, doctors, lawyers and other interested persons attended.

An announcement at the conference was that motorists with bad driving records and imperfect vision will be faced with tougher testing by Ontario's Transport Department this year.

The delegates also heard that:

- The vast majority of traffic accidents in the province are due to driver carelessness, rather than mechanical defects in motor vehicles.
- The provincial government has rejected reflectorized licence plates because of their questionable value.
- A proposal is under study to raise the speed limits on Highways 401 and 404 from 60 to 70 miles an hour.

Transport Minister Irwin Haxell said the general conclusion of the conference is "that we're only going to get greater safety in traffic if the public really wants it." Laws and enforcement cannot do the job by themselves — "we have to do all we can to make sure the individual driver accepts his own responsibility."

DRIVING TESTS

The Transport Department has just initiated compulsory road tests for drivers with nine demerit points. If they fail the test, their licences are suspended.

William McInyre, director of the Drivers Branch, said those with nine points who fail the road tests will lose their licences immediately. They will be advised to bring someone with them for the tests to drive them home if necessary.

Beginning last year, drivers with nine points against them were required to pass vision, sign recognition and rules-of-the-road tests. Now, with the bolstering of the examiners' staff, the road test has been added.

It is estimated that about 20,000 drivers will reach the nine-point level this year.

The demerit point system involves a warning letter at six points and an interview with department officials at nine points. The automatic suspension level is 15 points.

Certain groups of drivers will continue to be retested automatically, including elderly persons and drivers with three accidents in two years.

On January 2, a tougher vision test was imposed. Mr. McInyre said it will be given to all new applicants for drivers' licences — and these are coming in at the rate of about 1,000 each weekday — plus drivers with nine or more demerit points, persons over 80, school bus drivers and persons whose suspended licences are due to be re-issued.

The new standard requires a 120-degree peripheral field of vision in one eye, and 20-40 vision in the best eye. In the past 20-60 vision was adequate.

REFLECTORIZED PLATES

Mr. Haskett announced that his Department had decided against introducing reflectorized licence plates in the foreseeable future.

"Reflectorized plates would be unlikely to have any significant value in averting accidents," Mr. Haskett said, even for the very small proportion of accidents for which they could conceivably have any benefit.

SPEED MAXIMUMS

Marvin Stephens, director of the Transport Department's traffic engineering branch, said

a proposal is under study to raise speed limits on Highways 401 and 404 from 60 to 70 miles an hour.

Commissioner Eric Silk of the Ontario Provincial Police said he does not believe raising the speed limit on these highways would result in increased numbers of accidents. He called for a realistic approach.

PUBLIC APATHY

The commissioner added that public apathy to traffic safety must be dissipated before substantial progress in this field is possible. It has nothing to do with the numbers of police available on the highways, he said.

Traffic safety principles could be taught in the schools more intensively, long before the youngster reaches the age where he may apply for a driving licence, Commissioner Silk said.

James Mackey, Metro Toronto Chief of Police, urged legislators making registered owners of

vehicles responsible for traffic violations whether they were behind the wheel at the time or not.

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HOSPITAL NEWS

Some Use Lobby Furniture As Playground Equipment

by Les Clark

This column hasn't appeared for a few weeks, due mainly to the very excellent job that is being done by other groups in hospital organization, and as proof of this we'd like to point out that last week there were three separate items in the Herald carrying news of the hospital activities — as well as the picture of president Inez Crichon presenting Magistrate Ord with a magnificent cheque for \$3,500. As that took place at the annual meeting and election of officers, a new president of the auxiliary is now in office.

Mrs. Beth Clark who has taken a great interest in the hospital auxiliary, over the years, and who, we are sure will do the same excellent job we have come to associate with the auxiliary. Indeed it is certainly true that they are the real backbone of the Hospital.

There are now some 21 doctors using the Hospital.

Attend Funeral of Chesley Relative

Mr. and Mrs. Irwin Noble, 118 Guelph St., were in Chesley last Tuesday to attend the funeral service for his brother-in-law, Stanley McMillen, who died a few days after suffering a stroke.

A retired CNR railwayman, he was a native of Derby township and served overseas in the first world war.

He leaves his wife, Reita Noble, three stepsons, Gordon Gray, Toronto, Ralph Gray, Guelph and Donald Gray, Chatham; a brother William of Tara, and sisters Mrs. Herbert Ash, Chesley, Mrs. Russell Cunningham, LaPorte, Indiana, Mrs. Ross Shannon, Chesley and Mrs. Thomas Sheehan, Toronto.

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Once again we should like to remind parents that adequate measures should be taken by them to supervise their children while visiting patients. A number of complaints have been registered about unsupervised children playing in the lobby, and we are afraid much of the criticism is warranted. Recently we, along with a number of other visitors, observed two extremely young boys using the backs of the seats on slides — complete with snow boots and snow covered jackets! When restrained from this they brought in their hockey sticks to have a game of hockey — and when this was declared taboo, too, they gattled down to rather noisily tearing up magazines — magazines, we might add, that are paid for each month by some good-hearted donor! Now we don't condemn the children for a moment however we believe the parents involved

should use reason in the age of the children they leave unsupervised in the lobby. Certainly our nurses and staff are much too busy to baby sit — and indeed, it is most difficult to expect them to discipline children whose parents are on the premises. . . . A reasonable solution would be that if two parents are visiting the hospital, then surely one could remain in the lobby while the other visits. The vast majority of people in this regard, it is the small minority that is deprecating the furniture in a rather alarming manner. We do hope that visitors will all cooperate to keep the lobby the attractive place it has always been.

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Vice-president is Mrs. Lena Pond, the secretary Mrs. Doris Farmer, treasurer John Farmer, entertainment committee Mrs. Alice Leslie, Mrs. H. Hayward, and Mrs. R. Lane; refreshment committee Mrs. Moscov, Mrs. C. Sargent, and Mrs. F. McCartney; and visiting committee Mrs. J. Moutillon.

Want to Get Married? Costs \$5. More Now

Last year, after fifty years of holding the price line, the cost of marriage licenses caught up with the cost of living. They jumped in price from five dollars to ten dollars.

During 1967 thirty-nine marriage licenses were issued in town, and thirty-seven in the township. This does not mean only a total of 76 marriages were performed in the area, since many couples do not purchase a license, but have banns called in a church.

The town or township does not keep the money from the marriage licenses. The provincial treasurer receives seven of the ten dollars and the issuer keeps three.

While some licenses are kept on hand in the municipal building, there's no large stockpile usually no more than twenty or thirty are on hand, so any great onslaught by Cupid could lead to a crisis.

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