

## Three-day truck safety check blitz spans continent

A three-day safety blitz aimed at trucks is underway from Alaska to Acapulco. Throughout Canada, the United States and Mexico a co-ordinated three-day roadside truck

check began yesterday (Tuesday). The campaign is intended to increase driver awareness of safety regulations and to crack down on safety violations. More than 190 Minis-

try of Transportation employees will be taking part. They'll focus on all commercial haulers, no matter where they're registered, according to a government press release.

## Museum to open May 19

Visitors of all ages are invited to discover the evolution of agriculture and rural life in the province during the Ontario Agricultural Museum's 1992 season.

The gates to the 32-hectare site will open to the public May 19. The museum takes visitors on a journey tracing rural Ontario's modest beginnings to modern technologies.

Daily demonstrations, displays, farm animals and other active features contribute to the portrayal of the province's rural roots.

Nine annual events highlight this season's activity roster. The museum's "Seniors Days" offer 12 days of activities and demonstrations for those young at heart.

From June 1 to 12 inclusive, those 65 years and over will be treated to an old-fashioned admission fee of 65 cents. Country Quilt Fest '92", August 7 to 16, has been extended to include 10 days of hands-on activities, fashion shows (weekends only) and more than 100 quilted items from across Ontario.

"It is our goal to stimulate public awareness of Ontario's agriculture and food industry and to preserve its heritage. Visitors to the site are provided with an educational and enjoyable environment which encourages awareness," said John Wiley, general manger of the museum.

The museum is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. May 19 to September 20. Admission costs \$3.50 for adults, \$1.75 for youths (6 to 17 years of age) and seniors, and \$8.50 for families. Group rates also apply.

Costumed interpreters, tractor-drawn wagon rides, free parking and a gift shop make for a fun-filled day in the country, added Mr. Wiley.

## Leacock festival rewards writers

A festival to honour one of Canada's most celebrated humorists, Stephen Leacock and the turn of the century Orillia he knew, will also recognize today's writers.

Writing competitions are among the more than 30 events that will involve 18 community groups and 250 volunteers. The Leacock Heritage Festival at Orillia this summer includes two literary competitions: the Leacock Limerick Awards, an international competition for unpublished limericks, and the Leacock Humorous Short Story Competition.

Entries for both competitions must be received by July 15, 1992. For details, contact the Leacock Heritage Festival office at (705) 325-3261.

The Festival is supported by Communications Canada, The Canada Council, Employment and Immigration Canada, the Ontario Ministry of Culture and Communications and many corporate and media sponsors and local businesses.

The 1992 Leacock Heritage Festival will run from July 24 to August 3. For more information contact Marlene Neil, Festival Coordinator at (705) 325-3261

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