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## Personal Responsibility Is Secret of Highway Safety

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A highway safety campaign is now in full swing throughout Ontario. Working on the idea that most motor accidents are preventable, the Highway Safety Committee is asking the co-operation of everybody so that the determination to prevent accidents may take a permanent hold upon the consciousness of the public.

The executive is composed of Hon. Geo. S. Henry, Minister of Highways, chairman; W.G. Robertson, Secretary of the Ontario Motor League; J.F.H. Wyse, Secretary of the Ontario Safety League; S. J. Dickson, Chief of Police, Toronto; T. Marshall, secretary, Ontario Boards of Trade; J. P. Bickell, Registrar of Motor Vehicles, and R. M. Smith, Acting Deputy Minister of Highways. An Advisory Committee comprises all Editors, Heads of Municipal Governments, Police Chiefs, Presidents of Boards of Trade, Automobile Clubs and Service Clubs.

Inaugurating the campaign a few days ago, Hon. Mr. Henry stated that people do not realize what the tremendous increase in motor traffic meant and that greater vigilance and caution are now called for.

"It is on the individual driver that the responsibility rests," said Hon. Mr. Henry. "When a man takes the steering wheel he is as much an instrument for potential destruction as the man with his finger on the trigger of a gun."

Mr. Henry stated that the campaign was not one to continue for a couple of weeks and then stop. "Care needs to be used 52 weeks in the year," he said, "and we intend to keep that fact continually before the public. Education, we think, can accomplish a great deal, but for those who, in spite of warning, continue to drive recklessly we propose to take other methods. The reckless driver must be removed from our highways and he will be kept in check either behind the bars of a jail or by having his license to drive taken away from

him. "The driver who is merely incompetent we are trying to eliminate by the new system of personal licenses, but it takes time."

Mr. Henry also gave it as his opinion that pedestrians using the highways could co-operate by exercising greater care. He advised pedestrians to walk on the left hand side of roads facing the traffic.

"Remember always that accidents will be largely eliminated by the exercise of care, courtesy and common sense," concluded Mr. Henry.

Almost every possible means is taken to make the public "Traffic conscious." Radio talks are being given by leading public men and experts in highway problems. Striking advertisements calling attention to various phases of accident prevention are appearing in newspapers. Posters are being hung in garages and filling stations. Half a million stickers with the words, "I'm for Care and Courtesy. Are YOU?" are being distributed by filling stations. The hope is that every motor driver will paste one of these stickers on the lower right hand corner of his windshield. Police Chiefs, Heads of Municipal Governments, Editors, Boards of Trade and Service Clubs also signified their intention of co-operating.

This is one of the biggest drives for accident prevention ever attempted," stated J. P. Bickell, Registrar of Motor Vehicles for the Ontario Government and a member of the Executive Committee. "We hope to make a permanent impression so as to lessen accidents. We believe that we have good laws and regulations. In addition to a rigid enforcement of the law, we want to impress care, courtesy and common sense upon motorist and pedestrian alike."

## Newmarket

Brought to the Newmarket hospital Monday night with a bullet wound in his head which extended from the left ear to the right temple, Wright Fuller of Lloydtown, regained consciousness later and is now reported on the road to recovery. The surgeons in charge state they have never known of a similar case in which the patient lived.

Fuller, who is a 65-year old widower was found in his home by neighbors, a gun lying beside him on the floor and a note on the table directing the disposal of his property. The doors of his home had all been locked and it was several hours before the neighbors alarmed by his non-appearance decided to break in. The bullet entered the man's head behind the left ear and came out at the opposite side near the temple.

## Aurora

Aurora High School captured the Eckhardt Cup, awarded the champions at the big inter-school athletic meet held at the fair grounds at Newmarket, in competition against four other High Schools last Saturday. Very close was the battle, Newmarket tying with Aurora with 116 points, and only Aurora's supremacy in the two major events of the day caused it to win the coveted emblem. Markham gained 47 points and Richmond Hill 45.

Newmarket boys, however, shone in the individual championships, Drury and Molyneux being first and second respectively in the Junior. White of Richmond Hill and Williamson of Markham, tied for the senior, and Cora Goulding, of Aurora, was champion senior girl with Hilda Tumelty, Newmarket, second, junior girl champion senior girl with Hilda Tumelty, Thelma Day, same school, being runner up.

## Large Crowd at Woodbridge Fair

Beautiful sunshine greeted the second and final day of the Woodbridge fall Fair, Saturday and a crowd estimated at between twelve and fifteen thousand people took advantage of the fine weather to attend from all parts of the district. Probably this year's Fair was one of the most successful, if not the most successful, the Fair board has ever staged, although on Friday, when rain fell all day, it was thought the Fair would be a financial loss. The big crowd on the Saturday, however, turned the tide and the gate receipts were well above expenses.

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