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THOSE WHO BORROW RIDES

Motorists who travel on Yonge Street and on other important highways will be interested in new legislation enacted in the Indiana legislature which takes the onus of responsibility from the driver of a car in the case of injury to those who are riding with him. In Ontario and most states of the Union the driver of an automobile is responsible for the safety of those who ride with him and for this reason many hesitate to offer transportation to those whom they might like to accommodate or those who hail the driver in seeking a "lift" along the highway. Cases have been reported where the driver of a car kindly tendered a ride to a wayfarer and was sued for damages after an accident. To correct this situation the Indiana legislature has passed a law this year, which says:

That no person who is transported by the owner or operator of a motor vehicle, as his guest, without payment for such transportation, shall have a cause of action for damages against such owner or operator, for injury, death or loss, in case of accident, unintentional on the part of such owner or operator or caused by his reckless disregard of the rights of others.

Most people will approve of that, for the reason, if for no other, that most people are now automobile drivers. Let those who borrow rides at least carry their own insurance.

ARE YOU A CAREFUL DRIVER?

The perils of motoring have been strikingly brought home to us during the past few months by the many highway smashes. Every day the need for utmost care on the part of every motorist is emphasized by one or more such accidents that bring sadness to loved ones and make one stop to wonder where the toll will end.

Official figures for the province of Ontario show that almost 1200 persons were killed on the highways in the past three years. In 1926 a total of 298 lives were taken in this fashion; in 1927 the number of fatalities rose to 422, and last year it increased to 477. The annual increase is due to the increasing number of motors with no corresponding diminution of negligence and recklessness.

In behooves every driver of a car to become imbued with the realization that he or she is responsible for reducing the number of accidents to a minimum. "Care, Courtesy and Common-sense" is an excellent motto by which to be guided while driving on the crowded highways. Would that every motorist might heed it!

The Metropolitan Radials appear to be enjoying a generous patronage this season. When you see the cars well filled despite the fact that busses are operated in opposition to them it is convincing evidence that the people want radials and not busses. Why not take off the busses and give the cars a fair chance to make a good showing.

A number of commendable constructive suggestions were made at the last regular meeting of the town council. It was regrettable that the members adjourned without taking some action on them. Playground equipment for the children and numbers for the houses were two suggestions which merited more serious attention than was given and it is hoped that the members of council will see fit to reconsider these questions at a future meeting.

Although the season is advancing there are no visible signs of any activity on the part of the township councils concerned and the Ontario Department of Highways to provide sidewalks for Yonge Street. It is regrettable that this important work is so delayed to the inconvenience and danger of all who use the Highway. Sidewalks for Yonge street are a necessity and the sooner the bodies responsible face the issue fairly and squarely will a very dangerous condition be remedied.

LETTERS FROM THE PEOPLE

FAVORS NUMBERING OF ANOTHER SAFETY SUGGESTION
HOUSES July 9th, 1929

Editor Liberal,
Sir:—
I was gratified to read in your last week's issue that our town fathers had at last reached the point where they are considering the numbering of the houses. It is a necessity which has too long been delayed as I assure you it is very inconvenient for anyone who is not familiar with the place to find people here. When they are at it why not go ahead with the move made a few years ago to change the names of some of our streets, substituting attractive names for some of the present very ordinary names which correspond with none too selected districts in the city of Toronto. Thanking you for the space in your paper and for the invitation which you so kindly give your readers to express opinions in your columns.

PROGRESS

Editor Liberal,
Sir:—
I was very interested in the lengthy letter in your last issue from "Safety First" and some of his suggestions were certainly good and I hope they will be adopted by our council. I would like to suggest a sort of wig-wag signal something similar to that used at railway crossings. It could be erected at both entrances to the town and would draw forcibly to the attention of every motorist that they were entering a traffic danger zone. I agree with safety first that what we need is some means of forcibly impressing motorists that the speed limit through Richmond Hill is twenty miles per hour. If thus forcibly brought to their attention I believe eighty per cent of the motorists would observe the speed limit. The other twenty per cent. we could introduce to our magistrate. Thanks.

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WAY BACK IN LIBERAL FILES

DO YOU REMEMBER?

This Week of 1899

When the lawn party held on the beautiful lawn of Mr. W. A. Sanderson on Saturday, July 6th was a decided success.

When the financial report of the Methodist Church circuit exhibited a good showing for the different appointments. The receipts in the village were \$575.04; Buttonville \$258.11; Zion \$128. For the connexional funds \$202.75 was raised for missions \$63.00 for superannuation besides a large amount for St. James Church and other funds. The circuit paid a church debt during the year of \$572.

When Mr. T. McMahon, D.C.R. for York District accompanied by Mr. D. Hill, paid an official visit to Court Union A.O.F., Thornhill, on Monday evening.

DO YOU REMEMBER

This Week of 1904

When Mr. Geo. Thompson, of the General Post Office, Toronto, visited over Sunday at Mr. Robt. Rumble's.

When the following passed the entrance examinations at the High School:—Nellie Barker, Wilkie Bowes, Pearl Breakey, Nellie Brown, Flossie James, Sarah Matheson, Edna Street, Jean Topper, Geo. Andrew's, Wylie Carleton, Douglas Cooper, John Fost-

er, Willie Ground, Otto James, Randall Page.

When Rev. Mr. Jeffries, who was appointed Junior Pastor on the Carrville circuit, preached his opening sermon on Sunday morning.

When Miss L. McMahon went to Brockville, to spend a month with friends there.

When Mr. and Mrs. Hutchinson from near Chicago, visited with Mr. and Mrs. Crosby.

DO YOU REMEMBER

This Week of 1909

When Mr. and Mrs. J.H. Lever and Son, of Toronto, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. F.N. Hopper.

When Mr. W.C. Savage purchased the Hotel property at King City from Mr. Phillips, taking possession the 12th of August.

When Mr. F.W. Harrison and Mr. Walter Frisby who attended the Ont. Normal College at Hamilton, passed the professional examinations.

When Rev. T. Campbell, of Islington, who gave a short address at the ice cream social, called on several friends in the village.

When the Board of Education advertised for a High School teacher for Mathematics and Algebra. Duties to commence on September 1st. Initial salary \$900.

VICTORIA SQUARE NEWSY NOTES

JUNIOR INSTITUTE HELD REGULAR MEETING

The Junior Women's Institute held their regular monthly meeting on Saturday, July 6th, at the home of Mrs. Stanley Boynton. Despite threatening weather there was a good attendance. The program was given entirely by the members. Miss Lulu Beatty gave a very complete report on her trip to The Girl's Conference at Guelph and Miss Annie Avison gave an interesting account of the work of The League of Nation. Miss Dorothy Hart gave a reading, Pauline Johnson's poem, "The Song my Paddle Sings." A pleasant feature of the afternoon was the presentation of a handsome silver and pyrex casserole to Miss Laura Gee who has been secretary-treasurer for the past two years. Miss Ethel Mortson in few well chosen words spoke of Miss Gee's untiring interest in the Branch, since its organization in 1927 and of the pleasure it gave the members to show their appreciation of her services in this small way. Miss Gee made a suitable reply thanking the members for their support in the past, and assuring all that she had found great pleasure in the association. At the close of the meeting a dainty lunch was served by the hostess, and a social period was enjoyed. All the ladies of the community are cordially invited to come to the meetings of the Institute.

The Victoria Square choir journeyed to Mt. Pisgah, on Sunday evening and supplied the music for the anniversary services held there.

Mrs. E. Harrison and daughter Irene of Toronto, spent a few days last week with their aunt, Mrs. Wm. Dennie.

Miss Vera Nichols and Mr. L.L. Nichols are taking a summer course in Agriculture at the O.A.C., Guelph. Mr. and Mrs. O.M. Brooke and family, of Markham, were the Sunday evening guests of Mrs. R. E. Sanderson.

Mrs. H. Bennett and two sons Frank and Murray and Mrs. Goforth spent Tuesday with Mrs. Wm. Dennie.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer L. Steckley, of Grantham, Pa., and Mr. and Mrs. Levi H. Steckley, of Gormley, Ontario, visited Saturday with their uncle, Mr. L. B. Heise.

About sixty young people from Gormley and Victoria Square assembled at the home of Miss Millicent Klinck on Friday evening. It was the occasion of a shower in honor of Miss Grace Lily and Mr. Ealmer Reaman, whose marriage takes place this month. After opening the many useful and beautiful gifts, both bride and groom elect made short speeches, thanking the donors for their gifts and inviting all to visit them in their new home at Claremont. We wish them health, wealth and prosperity.

Miss Cora and Mr. Henry Hooper, of Brown's Corner's were Sunday guests of Mrs. L.L. Nichols.

Sorry to report Mrs. R.F. Boynton on the sick list again.

Mr. Douglas Harrison, of Toronto, is spending two months holidays with his aunt Mrs. Wm. Dennie.

Mr. R. E. Sanderson is rushing work on the foundation for his new barn.

Mrs. H.F. Collard is now driving a sporty Chev. coupe, and Mr. Nelson Boynton now possess one of Henry's "Ladies."

Miss Jessie Collard is spending her holidays with her sister, Mrs. Herman Mortson.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Rand and Mr. Reginald Rand, of Richmond Hill, and Mr. and Mrs. A.D. McKay, of Detroit, Mich., visited Sunday with Mr. L.B. Heise.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Dennie visited on Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. H. Wilson, of Gormley.

CORONERS JURY RECOMMENDS THAT WARNING SIGNS BE ERECTED IN VILLAGE AND THAT SPEED LIMITS BE OBSERVED

"While we feel that the accident was unavoidable we also feel that greater care should be taken in observing the speed limits and that a sign bearing the warning "BE CAREFUL" be placed at each end of the town." This was the verdict returned by the coroners jury at the inquest held at Richmond Hill last Thursday evening concerning the death of Jack Shields who met death when he was struck by a north bound auto in the village on Friday, June 28th. Coroner Dr. Dalles presided at the inquest.



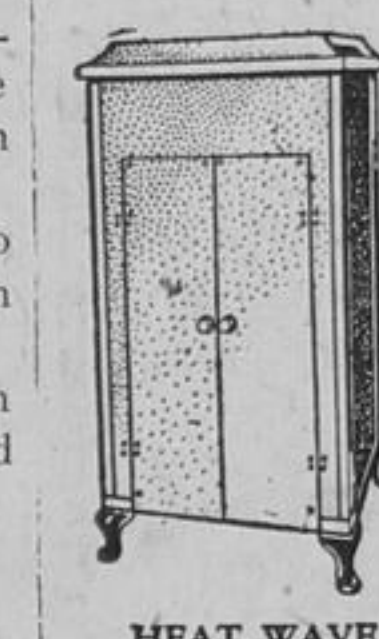
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Land and Water Champions



Parkdale Ladies Athletic Club of Toronto recently visited Montreal, and since all the nice girls love a sailor and ships, they had of course to pay a call on Canadian Pacific steamer Metagama, then in port. After tea and inspection of the ship, the young ladies donned their bathing suits and exercised on the broad decks of the liner. The photograph shows, left to right, Dot Prior, Olympic champion swimmer; Captain M.F. Murray, R.N.R., skipper of the Metagama; and Myrtle Cook, Olympic champion runner.

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Smoking forests or smoking chimneys—
WHICH?



WE CAN'T HAVE BOTH

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