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ROAD HOGS ON THE HIGHWAY

Every motorist who observes the rules of the road and exercises, 'Care, caution and common sense" in driving has a natural feeling of indignation when every now and then on every highway that universal enemy of safety the "road hog" is encountered. Most drivers to day are capable of handling a car and accidents are largely caused either by reckless driving, a momentary lapse of attention, or carelessness of some sort or other. The road hog, the driver who cacts as if he (or she) owns the whole road is the cause of many accidents which could and should be avoided, if we could but have a return to the good old fashioned "road courtesy" that existed in the days of the horse drawn vehicle.

It may be true that there were even "road hogs" in the early days but they did not constitute the same danger as they do to day with their high powered motor cars.

What is to be done with the "road hog" is a difficult question. He is considered by motorists everywhere the worst pest of streets and highways. Every time you turn a corner you must be on your guard lest you meet him on your right of way. He is a thief against whom you can protect yourself only by constant caution. He makes motoring a labor instead of a recreation. If he could be eliminated from traffic the highways would automatically become more safe.

But we confess that we doubt the possibility of educating the "road hogs" to be courteous. They seem to think that the world owes them a speedway and they are out to get it. And they do get it, at the expense of the other fel-Courtesy is an admirable thing. There is a lot of it on the highways, or motoring would be wholly impossible. But not infrequently one wishes for a good stout car with a heavy bar projecting from the side to sweep the highways clean of "road hogs." They never would be missed.

An American passing through the other day wanted to know why we called them "by-elections" here in Ontario. Over the line he said they called them "buy-elections."

Last week was designated as "Prosperity Week" and an effort was made by a large commercial organization to down the feeling that "times are hard." A visitor in our office this week when speaking of the widespread depression suggested a cure and ventured the opinion that if "every working person would immediately spend \$20. on necessities prosperity would return in the country." We're willing to start the procession if someone will lend us the \$20.

It is reported that a California frog with six legs is so jointed that it can hop in any direction. It should go in for politics.

Crossing a bridge before you come to it doesn't make the toll any less when you do get to it.

DEAL FOR

(By Elsie Ess)

WORDS

an abundance of words. Last summ- true and fast which can never be quite election, and still there echoes in our ears millions of words. Last spring the Naval Conference, now the Imperial Conference, words and more words. What a mass of parley. I understand that modern history is not as attractive to the young as that of an earlier age. The reason is not hard to find. It used to be action, fights, adventures, and people did things Now it is just words, treaties, negotiations, leagues of Nations.

Consider Oratory. What a wonderful influence the orator has enjoyed all through the ages, from the panegyric of Pericles to Lincoln's speech at Gettysburg, or the orations of Cicero and Demosthenes to those wonderful remarks of Lord Moyihan uttered in Toronto recently. And because speech is so great and powerful it is beset with many snares. Like water and fire, it may do good, again it might do harm. How easy to use just sentences, and high sounding phrases. "Liberty," "Equality," "Honour," "Justice," "Brotherhood." What phone, the radio, the talkie. Perhaps their products with remarkable facilcheap they become. How easy it is be applied. to stir up the base feelings of a mob, or play down to a cultured cynicism. Once having let the words go forth, how difficult to repair the damage they may do. A violent speech by York County Teachers an agitator in a dockyard may mean idleness, hunger, and suffering for thousands of homes. A single unwise word in an Indian Assembly may lead to the murder of hundreds of innocent ing two days holiday, the teachers of men. The orator, political and otherwise, will do well to lay to heart these at the Toronto Normal School.

Revolution. Books, newspapers, mag-Robert Eggaford. azines, are now within the reach of all. reports of outrage and violence, to say divorce court proceedings.

In everyday intercourse, most of us gossip. Once drop the stone in the

DOLLAR

Monoxide Poisoning

water nothing can stop the eddies and Dowell, of Markham township when These are the days of words, and ripples. There are friendships once returning from Sutton last Thursday er found us in the throes of a general the same again because of some idle nearly succumbed from monoxide poihasty word once spoken, never for soning. Happening to glance through | Farm Implements & Machinery gotten even long after it has been for- the rear vision mirror after failing Of course, not all words must be solemn or instructive, we must leave over in the seat apparently uncon-

room for words that are refreshing and entertaining. There are words that brighten, and polish, and cheer. Like a dust cloth, it will not keep out the cold, but it will polish and cheer things up. If we were never to open our mouths other than to utter something weighty and instructive, what terrible prigs we could be. There is a big place for the jest, and for the half hour talk that sparkles and refreshes. At no period in the history of civilization have words possessed greater power, or exercised a great- tern Steel Products Limited, of Preser influence. In no generation has education been so wide or the means of communication so numerous or so swift. At no period has man's responsibility for words been so grave. These are not only the days of Ora- chassis. In this novel manner they tory, or the Press, but of the grama- have found a means of exhibiting splendid symbols. Yet when flung we can realize how it is that in time hither and thither, carelessly, how of national stress a censorship has to model, the Preston Steel Truss dis-

Words! words! Oh so many

Hold Convention

While our children have been enjoy-Division 5 of the York County Teachers Institute have been in convention On Thursday, October 9th, the meet-

The printed word, maybe these move ing was opened with Devotional Exerthe world the most. The great poets, ter, Church of the Resurrection, cises, conducted by the Rev. W. G. Sunthe folk songs, the patriotic airs, have Woodbine Avenue. Miss E. B. Tate, been exceedingly influential. Rous- Principal of Newtonbrook School ocseau's "Social Contract," with it's fa- cupied the chair. Following the reading of the minutes and other busmous opening, "Man is born free, but ness agenda, some excellent class throughout the whole province, ac-

important thought with his teachers for he said, "With the introduction of machinery our people must become more versatile and be able to fit themselves into the ever changing our schools are in a position to influ- this year are as follows: ence the child of to-day along these lines, and in so doing bring about a

Igiven by Miss Irene Atcheson, of Secord School on "The schools of British Columbia."

· The teachers then visited the new Star Building on King Street, where they were guests of The Star. Competent guides conducted the party through the entire plant and explained all the processes through which a paper passes before it is delivered on the door step.

Miss E. B. Tate in the President's address on Friday morning referred to the general trend of education toward technical training, and in a very able manner brought out the principle of "Helping the Child" through the manual arts.

After a short discussion on the new "Month by month course of Study" recently issued to all schools in the country, through the inspectors, the teachers took part in group discussions. Programmes were arranged of special interest to teachers of the various grades. Many local teachers took part in these programmes. Mr. H. J. Hunter, Principal of Duke of York school gave a paper, "Methods in Geography in Fourth Class." Supplementary reading for Second Class was discussed by Miss B. Harron, of Willowdale school. Miss Vigras, of Lansing in the First Class section took her topic "Other Methods of obtaining Expressive Reading." . Miss Jackson, of Newtonbrook, taught a lesson in nature study" for the same section.

Judge H. S. Mott, of the Toronto Juvenile Court gave the teachers a real treat in his address, "A teacher's Viewpoint." The speaker in a most convincing and interesting manner showed how every subject taught in the schools should be related to the child's instincts. He further pointed out that all the teacher's problems of discipline could be traced to some natural expression of instinct.

The convention was a decided success and many were heard to remark, "One of the best we have had in years." This is no doubt due to the efforts of the very able executive presided over by Miss Tate of Newtonbrook. The officers elected for the coming school year are as follows;-Hon.-President, Inspector W. W. A. Trench, B.A. President, Mr. G. Shewfelt, McGregor School. Vice-President, Miss Irene Atcheson, Se-Richmond Hill

Richmond Renderson, Secord School

Smith, Danforth Park School. Treasurer, Miss Lila Ellison, Secord school

Miss A. Ball, of Baron Renfrew's

School and Mr. L. Winch, of Lansing School are members of the Executive Committe for 1930-1931.

Narrow Escape From

Unionville, October 22-Walter Mcnight had a bad scare when two occupants of the car he was driving to get an answer from his companions in the rear seat he noticed that they had been overcome and were lying scious. Stopping the car fresh air was allowed in freely and the passengers soon came to and without any apparent after effects. It was a close call and a warning of the danger to motorists of this deadly gas.

NOVEL TRAVELLING DISPLAY AROUSES INTEREST AT FAIRS Model Preston Steel Truss Barn, Colored "Rib Roll" Roofing and Siding Exhibited by Eastern Steel Products

Particular interest among farmers has been aroused at recent fall fairs by the novel travelling display of Easton, Ontario.

Makers of products not easily displayed in practical use, this firm has built a model Preston Steel Truss coming in? Accident Insurance re-Barn, covered it with their new Col- lieves financial and physical suffering ored "Rib Roll" Roofing and siding, and mounted the entire unit on a truck

Far from being a "Tom Thumb" play Barn is 7 feet wide, 15 feet long and 8 feet high. The cornices are equipped with eavetrough conductor pipe and one end of the barn is easily removable to permit interior inspect-

The use of colored "Rib Roll' roofing and siding has resulted in a most pleasing color combination. The sides of the barn are red, the roof green, the ventilators white trimmed with green, and the window and door trim There are now two of these travell-

ing units on the road, manned by experienced salesman and visiting many points at which fairs are held. From the salesman in charge you

can obtain folders, circulars, prices and all particulars of the new Prest-Steel Truss Barns and colored "Rib Roll' roofing and siding.

CURRENT CROP REPORT

Fall wheat is looking fairly well is everywhere in chains," contributed singing was rendered by the pupils cording to reports received, and the an immense impetus to the French of William Burgess School, East York fine weather of October enabled the under the very able direction of Mr. farmers in the southwestern peninsula to do late sowing. Many farm-Inspector W.W.A. Trench, B.A., ers report the poorest crop of turnips Some even serve unworthy purposes, then spoke to the teachers, his ad- in years, while sugar beets will yield dress was entitled "Observation." He about the same as in other seasons. thanked the teachers of the inspect- Considerable stocker cattle are being nothing of all the shameless stories of orate for their loyal support and co- purchased, due to large yields of operation, complimented them on grains and low prices offered for their efficient work, but drew their same. There are indications of a good attention to any weaknesses which he supply of Canadian seed corn for 19have suffered at some time or another, had noted during his visits. His crit. 31. Dairy cattle are in keen demand as a result of hasty words, and unkind icisms were kindly and constructive in the restricted T.B. Free areas, and and much benefit was derived from many outside buyers are invading his remarks. Mr. Trench left an these districts for accredited cattle.

> PLOWING MATCH DATES Dates for some of the Branch Plow- minus a lot

ing Matches held under the auspices economic conditions. The teachers of of the Ontario Plowmen's Association

Eramosa (Rockwood) Nov. 5 more favourable employment situat- Frontenac (Kingston) Oct. 29 Haldimand (Fisherville) Oct. 30 A most interesting address was Peel (Brampton) Oct. 24 York, East (Agincourt) Nov. 5 King & Vaughan Oct. 31

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