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BUILD A HOME

Before the depression there were twenty-seven dwellings erected for every hundred marriages. During the past four years the number has been reduced to fourteen for every hundred weddings. This decline in building activity has contributed to the hard times and also has resulted in a housing shortage. Lieutenant-Governor H. A. Bruce, Premier Hepburn and the Ontario Government have recognized the need and are carefully launching out on a provincial housing scheme.

Reeve J. A. Greene has been active in recent weeks advocating and endeavouring to promote building activity in Richmond Hill. His purpose is two-fold. First, to provide houses for which there is a demand, and secondly, to provide work for our laborers and skilled workmen. The building trades touch so many lines of work and so many avenues of business that there is little doubt a real revival of building in Canada would chase old man depression from this fair land.

The desire to own a home is not as noticeable in this day as in former times. Now thousands of couples prefer to buy automobiles or other luxuries in preference to building homes and paying off the mortgage. There are many people to-day who own their own homes who built them and paid for them out of salaries not larger than earned by many who to-day think owning a home is impossible. Those who choose to put their money in a home are building for the future and are securing something of permanent value.

ARE THERE TOO MANY SERVICE STATIONS?

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For every mile and a half of our highways says the American Automobile Association, there is a filling station or a garage. Is that too many? Too many, perhaps to permit all of them to operate at a profit, but not too many for the accommodation of the travelling public. For good or ill it has come to pass that the average motorist knows nothing whatever about his car. No longer, as in the ancient days, does he pull on a pair of overalls and "get out and under";-he is as helpless to correct the infirmities of his power plant as he would be to tinker with the mechanism of the Queen Mary. Nor does he carry the equipment to mend his own tires, and it would tax his ingenuity, as well as his temper, even to change a spare. When stalled, therefore, he is stalled for good until professional assistance arrives. And a three quarters of a mile walk or a five minutes wait is the limit he will endure without calling the country thereabouts a desert. As long as the stations do not mar the landscape, as long as their service is rendered with the courtesy which has become so pleasantly characteristic of them, and as longtheir own lookout-as they can make both ends meet with their earnings, their increase of numbers will draw no loud complaints from the public. When a motorist drives past 100 stations in succession without stopping, he may feel that there are 99 too many. But when none is found nearby at the moment he suddenly and sorely needs it, he is quick to conclude that there is at least one too few.

BE CAREFUL — TOMORROW IT MAY BE YOU

Accident deaths on Canadian highways each year reach an alarming total and the Ontario Government is now sponsoring an advertising campaign in an endeavour to educate car drivers to practice courtesy and avoid accidents. Death figures fail to tell the whole story of highway accidents. Back of every car accident there is pain, agony, helpless suffering of those left destitute, and the suffering of years spent in hospitals. And the greatest cause of accidents is CARELESSNESS.

We must clamp down on all kinds of auto-insanity. Instruction for the novice driver, jail for the careless driver, loss of license or car for the drunken driver, all these possibilities are steps that can and should be taken if we want to cut down this enormous total and we must cut it down.

Automobiles as well as drivers are killers, too, and must be reckoned with at the same time. Junk heaps that have been consigned to the junk-yard are resurrected and licensed. All that can be said about these cars is that the engine will run. The rest of the mechanical equipment is all bad and a constant menace. Faulty brakes and steering apparatus, worn out tires...there is no safety in that kind of car either for driver, passengers or other cars on the road. Speed, plus a blowout and more names are added to the death list. Let's take those cars away from potential killers. Confiscation of property? Not when the lives of people are at stake. Compare automobiles with firearms and you have an almost exact parallel. The law gives us the right to limit the sale of guns and if necessary to take away that privilege. Why not the same with automobiles when they reach the same deadliness?

Drastic speed laws are needed, records of offences must be kept and violators punished accordingly, licenses revoked, and we all must learn to drive safely. Those of us who are fortunuate enough never to have been in a serious accident must learn to take restrictions literally and not laugh when the speedometer reaches and passes 50. Too many people drive on the assumption that "nothing can happen to me." Look at my record they say proudly, not even a fender bent. And then "Sudden Death." Let's get together and stop this needless destruction of human lives. We can do it. The figures are better this year, but they aren't coming down fast enough.

Miss Mary MacMahan, addressing a women's gathering in Toronto, told the ladies present that she had come to the conclusion that women are losing their modesty. "I wish they could realize that the more the body is covered, the more attractive the face becomes," she said. Every day furnishes evidence that the disgusting habit of young women and girls, wearing only "sun" or bathing suits promenading along public streets in towns and cities is condemned by sensible people and will soon be outlawed by popular consent.

NEWTONBROOK

School re-opens next Tuesday, Sept. 1st.

Mrs. Harold Summers of Arvida, Quebec is spending a week with Mr. United States Motorists Should Be and Mrs. Frank Summers.

Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Grisdale and Margaret have returned home after spending their holidays at Gravenhurst and Longford.

of Northmount Post Office has returned from her holidays spent with orists into Ontario, Hon. T. B. Mcrelatives in Cobourg.

Saturday.

home through illness. We sincerely their own homes, in their contacts hope she will soon be better.

family have returned from a holiday spent at Balm Beach.

family enjoyed a trip to Detroit last week and returned by the Blue Wat- cidents," Mr. McQuesten said. "At er Highway.

with friends at Newmarket.

Hornepayne were guests of Rev. A. | people to come here. Ontario spends H. and Mrs. Halbert last Tuesday. thousands of dollars to promote the ing Shaw's Business College in Toronto.

of Caledonia were guests on Sunday invitation from all of us, and as our of Mr. A. W. Galbraith

ning over fifty certificates were each other." presented to those who successfully | There are no universally standardpassed the Bible Study Test on the | ized highway regulations, and almost International Lessions for the last every province and state has its own quarter. These certificates are is- special peculiarities in driving rules, sued by the Christian Board of Edu- Mr. McQuesten pointed out. "But cation of the United Church of Can- there is one language that every ada. Out of sixty-four who wrote man, woman and child everywhere on this Bible Study Test, fifty-two understands - the language of were successful in the local Sunday courtesy," he declared. "The people School.

day morning Mrs. Frank Summers driving and give the province a bad and Miss Jean Stephenson were each name. Let us all try courtesy presented with a bouquet, both hav- let us be patient and agreeable with ing birthdays on the same day, Au- strangers and help them all we can gust 23rd.

was held last Wednesday evening thereby increase our own enjoyment. when Mr. Grisdale's S. S. class of Human nature always responds to boys celebrated. All report a grand kindness and politeness. If a decent

Newtonbrook United Church has re- the problem of ending needless deaths turned from a three weeks' holiday and mutilations will be solved. and was back in his place last Sun-

Lever attended a re-union recently a cent to be courteous. Courtesy in of Bethesda Public School near driving will eliminate many acci-Stouffville.

occurred at his home, 106 Pember- critical period. The worst accident ton Ave., last week. A funeral ser- weeks of the year lie ahead - unless vice was held at his home on Au- we decide to bring about a change gust 19th at 2.30. Interment foll- from past years. We can bring this owed in Richmond Hill Cemetery. | much-needed change about if we will!

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POLITENESS IS SAFE

Pointing out that Labor Day and Miss Nora Graham, postmistress the Exhibition would soon be drawing thousands of United States mot-Questen, Minister of Highways, this Some of our residents attended the week, issued an earnest appeal to the Mulock picnic at Woodbridge last citizens of this province to remember the ordinary rules of hospitality, Mrs. W. T. New is confined to her which they observe toward guests in with visitors and others on the roads Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Smith and at this season.

"During the next few weeks we will pass through the period which Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Wells and annually produces the greatest death and injury toll from automobile acexhibition time our highways are Miss Hope spent last week-end congested with American as well as Canadian cars. Let none of us for-Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Irwin of get that we have invited these good Miss Beatrice Johnston is attend- tourist business and the Exhibition advertises its attractions all over the continent. The motorists who flock Mr. and Mrs. Wiley and family into this province are answering an guests they are entitled to an even At the Sunday School session in greater degree of courtesy and conthe United Church last Sunday mor- sideration than we generally show

who come among us as visitors will For the past year or more the not be familiar with all our local Supt. of Newtonbrook United Church habits and driving customs, so it ill Sunday School has placed a beauti- becomes us to express impatience or ful bouquet of flowers on the table annoyance at petty inconveniences in the S. S. room. At the close of caused when some stranger innocentthe session, anyone who has had a ly breaks a local convention. Anger birthday during the week is pre- on our part will only appear boorish sented with the bouquet. Last Sun- and intolerant, will upset our own to enjoy driving on our highways The first corn roast of the season and in our towns and cities and kindly spirit of courtesy becomes Mr. Roy Dobney, organist of the general among drivers in Ontario,

"As taxpayers it costs us thousands of dollars to enforce traffic Mr. W. H. Lever and Miss Annie laws; but as drivers it costs us not dents where law enforcement is The death of Mr. William Lowry helpless. We are entering upon a

just be courteous to all drivers and | Some men are polite and considespecially kindly and helpful to erate, and some have reached the strangers whom we have invited to point where they don't need other spend their holidays in our midst." people.

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