

Police Chief Requests Your Co-operation



December 23, 1940

To the Citizens of Timmins:—
This is an appeal to every car owner in Timmins to make this a "Drive Safely" Christmas.

From the records on file in this department, it shows clearly that the largest number and most serious accidents occur at street intersections. From the regular investigations that follow each accident it is found that too much speed is the basic cause of these mishaps. It is quite true that the municipal speed limit is thirty miles per hour but at intersections this speed should be reduced to not more than ten miles an hour. With roadways covered with ice and snow extra caution should be exercised as your ability to stop is greatly lessened.

Another frequent accident cause is pulling away from curbs into line of traffic without regard for approaching vehicles. In the winter months many of the accidents from this source are caused by frost and snow covered windows, which do not allow proper vision. Have your car properly equipped for winter driving and eliminate these unnecessary hazards.

In conclusion may I point out that the law provides severe penalties for reckless, careless and drunken driving. Police officers have been instructed to be particularly vigilant for this type of driver. Finally may I suggest, "If you Drink, Don't Drive."—If you Drive, Don't Speed.—Make this a "Drive Safely" Christmas.

Leo H. Gagnon
Chief Constable.

Leads Safety Drive



CHIEF L. H. GAGNON

Drive Safely and Really Enjoy Christmas DON'T DRINK AND DRIVE

Endorsed by Mayor



MAYOR J. E. BRUNETTE
Mayor J. E. Brunette and members of the Municipal Council have given their support to the "Drive Safely" campaign. They too ask the co-operation of motorists for the elimination of accidents throughout the holiday season.

New Plan for Landing at Kapuskasing Air Port

When is an airport runway not a runway?

Trans-Canada Air Lines has the answer: "In winter time".

Up in Northern Ontario T. C. A. operates two airports for the Department of Transport. They are at Armstrong and Kapuskasing. Both fields have paved strips, or runways, on which aircraft normally land and take off.

In the past it was the custom for T. C. A.'s maintenance forces at these fields to roll the snow on the landing strips. This presents a hard surface on which the wheels of a commercial air transport can hardly make a ripple.

Come spring break-up, however, the hard-packed snow is transformed to ice. It stayed when the rest of the field was clear. Two years of experiments have brought a new technique. T. C. A.'s drags and rollers will leave the paved strips severely alone this winter. Instead, new runways will be rolled adjacent to the old.

When spring comes the paved strips will be blown clear with snow blowers, leaving the rolled surfaces for sun and wind to clear later.

T. C. A. services R. C. A. F. planes at these fields as well as its own. It has become doubly important to keep the fields usable during the break-up period. But the time to start is now and the new winter strips are in operation. The national air services hopes the new wrinkle will do the trick.

Last Regular Meeting of the A.Y.P.A. for 1940

The last regular meeting of the A. Y. P. A. for 1940 took the form of a social evening held in the parish hall on Wednesday evening.

The members enjoyed a game of monopoly and later, all visited the rectory where refreshments were served by Canon Cushing, assisted by Ruth Arnold. The event was a very enjoyable way for closing the yearly activities.

Waitress—Bless your heart, apples were forbidden in the garden of Eden, tips here.

Sailor—I see there's a rule against too. —Exchange

SUGGEST DRIVERS TURN CAR KEYS OVER TO WIFE DURING CHRISTMAS WEEK

There Were Thirteen Automobile Accidents During Christmas Week Last Year. Seventeen in 1938 and Eight the Year Before. Majority of Them Happen at Intersections. Only One Woman in Crash During the Three Christmas Weeks.

Last year during the period from December 25 to January 1 there were thirteen automobile accidents, eleven of them at street intersections. Although no personal injuries were sustained the damage to motor vehicles amounted to hundreds and hundreds of dollars.

In an appeal for safe driving this Christmas, Chief of Police Leo H. Gagnon today asked The Advance to warn drivers for him about care in driving at intersections.

"It is significant that all of these accidents happened late in the afternoon and in the evening," Chief Gagnon said today. "It is also significant that all of the drivers involved were men. Perhaps if men would turn the keys of their cars over to their wives during Christmas week the accident total would be decreased."

The Chief commented, "If more would, at least let their wives drive after they have had one or two too many it would be wise."

Going back into the files Chief Gagnon found that there was a total of seventeen accidents during the same period in the year 1938. Nine of the seventeen crashes were at intersections and all occurred late in the afternoon.

The remaining eight accidents which occurred in that week in 1938 were occasioned by cars pulling away from curbs.

"The intersection hazard is always great especially in winter when the streets are slippery but the driver who pulls away from a curb without first looking carefully to see that the road is clear is a hazard at all times," said Chief Gagnon.

In 1937 there were only eight accidents during Christmas week. They all occurred at intersections late in the afternoon and during the evening. Butressing his former contention that men might do well to allow their wives to act as chauffeurs during Christmas week, Chief Gagnon pointed out that in the past three years only one woman had been involved in an accident in Christmas week and that was not a serious collision.

"I have instructed my officers to show no mercy to the man who is caught drunk in his car," said Chief Gagnon. "I am making an earnest plea to automobile drivers to exercise caution and I am also warning that we intend to safeguard the rights of the pedestrian and other motorists by picking up drunken drivers."

Brightest and Best

Brightest and best of the sons of the morning
Dawn on our darkness, and lend us thine aid!
Star of the East, the horizon adorning,
Guide where our infant Redeemer is laid!

Cold on His cradle the dewdrops are shining;
Low lies His head with the beasts of the stall;
Angels adore Him in slumber reclining,
Maker and Monarch and Saviour of all.

Say, shall we yield Him, in costly devotion,
Odors of Edom and offerings divine,
Gems of the mountain and pearls of the ocean,
Myrrh from the forest, or gold from the mine?

Vainly we offer each ample oblation,
Vainly with gifts would His favour secure;
Richer by far is the heart's adoration,
Dearer to God are the prayers of the poor.

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—Reginald Heber.

The Answers

- Q—When is a house like a bird?
A—When it has two wings.
- Q—What is always at the top of the class? A. The ceiling.

We Heartily Endorse The Christmas "Drive Safely Campaign"

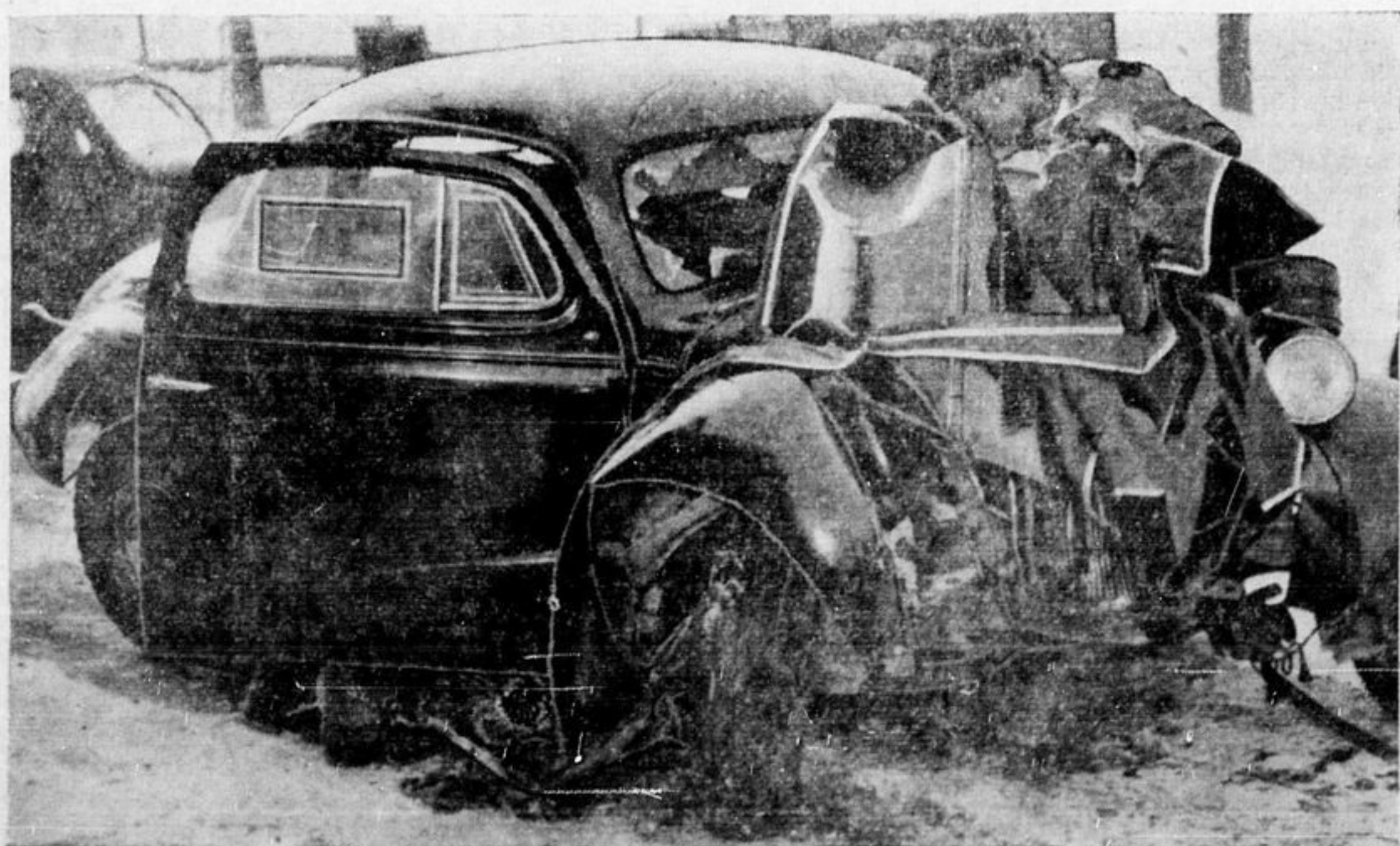
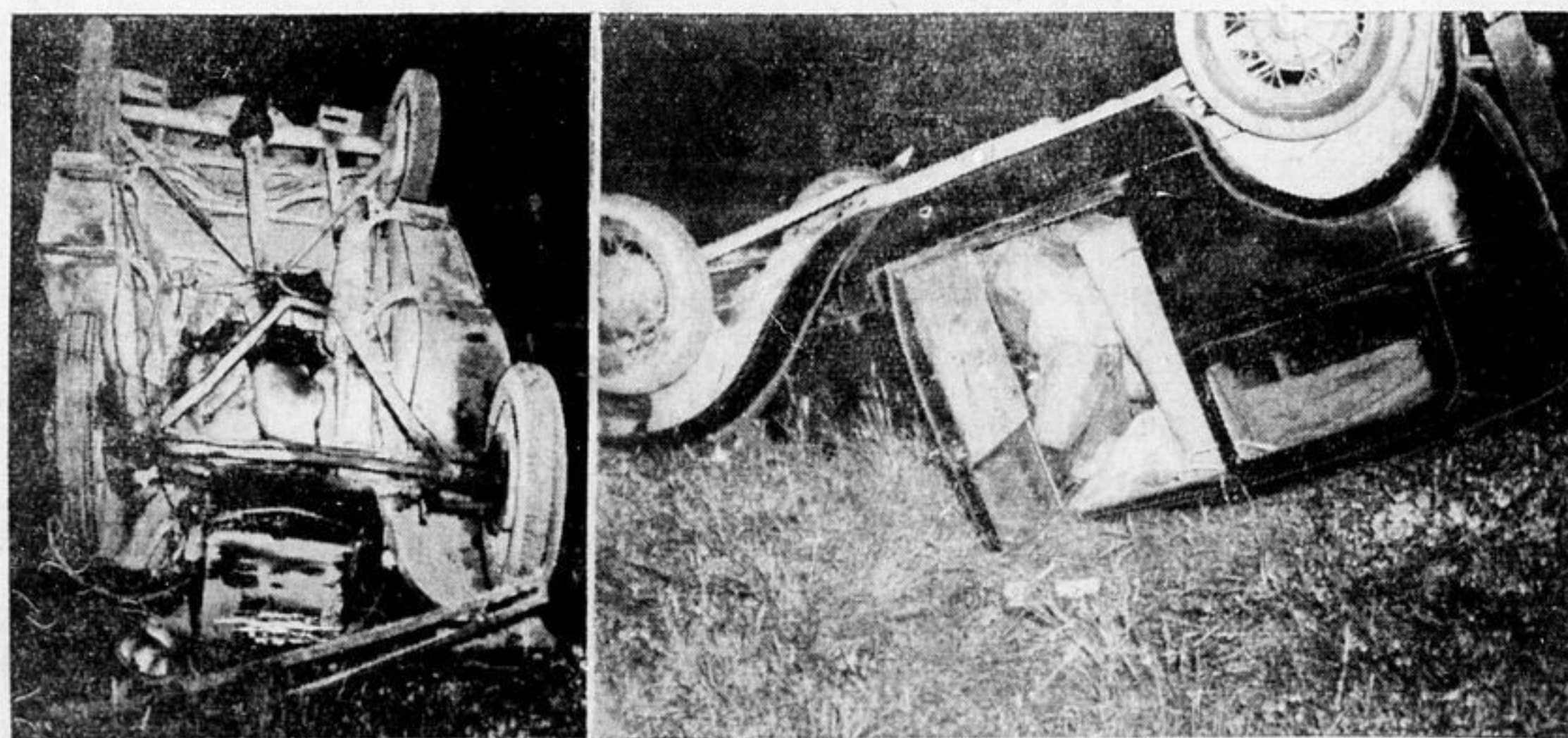


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Others
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