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BICYCLE SAFETY CONTEST

The Ontario Safety League annually sponsor a Summer Safety Contest designed to promote safe practices in children who have or ride bicycles. And there are many bicycles in this district.

This year the News will feature the Elmer Summer Safety Contest.

The contest starts next

week and continues until August 12th. Rules will be printed and prizes, donated by the well-known bicycle manufacturers 'CCM' will include one boy's and one girl's bike also twenty-five Flyte Accessory Kits.

Local police and Recreation authorities are planning a bicycle rodeo and instruction in conjunction with the summer playground activities.

CAUTION URGED IN DRIVING

With 1,300,000 elementary school children on summer vacation through the province, Hon. Irwin Haskett, Ontario Minister of Transport, urges all parents and all drivers to be alert to greater hazards near playgrounds, on residential streets and in vacation areas.

"Traffic accidents are the biggest single killer of children from one to 14 years of age," Mr. Haskett said. "And the greatest danger is in the summer.

An average of 17 children were killed and 668 injured in traffic accidents during other months of 1964. But during July and August, the average monthly toll rose to 32 children killed and 942 injured.

"A large number of child accident victims are passengers in their parents cars. This is added reason for driving safely.

He suggested that parents remind their children frequently of the six safety rules they learn in school from the "Elmer, the Safety Elephant" program.

These are the rules:-

1. Look both ways before you cross a street.
2. Keep out from between parked cars;

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Have bus - and car - will travel.

The picture above was snapped on the highway by Mrs. I. McCuaig. If you have an interesting picture you are invited to send it to the News for publication.

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THE CHILDREN

THE PICTURE of a five-year-old carrying a sign with the word "Justice" is a reminder of the part that children have in the bicultural and bilingual problems that confront Canada. The little girl was the child of a French-speaking family and she was one of a group of parents and children demonstrating to secure a publicly-supported French kindergarten in an Ontario town.

Here and there across the country there have been similar episodes and there will probably be others. And there is no easy solution.

In one of the articles of *The Universal Declaration of Human Rights* adopted by the United Nations more than fifteen years ago is the statement that "parents have a prior right to choose the kind of education that shall be given to their children." Canadian parents are not by law compelled to educate their children in the public school system. They may be educated privately in any language. The only compulsion is a personal one upon the parents to choose what is best for their children.

The question at issue is, of course, what shall be provided in publicly-supported schools. To be greatly desired by parents and legislators alike is that hard-to-come-by quality of wisdom. When decisions are made, first consideration must be for the welfare of the children so that they may be equipped to live and prosper in whatever their environment may be.

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