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Whosoever is afraid of submitting any question, civil, or religious, to the test of free discussion, is more in love with his own opinion than with truth. -WATSON.

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COUNTY ROAD SPEEDERS

Our attention has been called to the reckless driving that goes on at present on the Durham-Hanover road between these two towns, and our opinion was asked as to how the residents along this line of roadway could find redress. Our informant says that the cars go past his place at anything between 40 and 60 miles an hour, that you can hear them coming half a mile away, and that if this sort of thing keeps up, it will be hardly safe for a man to go on the road with a team at all.

With the building of improved roadways, and the improvement in cars, there are bound to be infractions of the law so far as speeding is concerned, and if some drastic means are not taken to nip these speedsters at the start, there is no telling where the matter will end.

Speeding even on the provincial highways is bad enough, but on the county roads, where everybody knows there is no speed cop, it is infinitely worse. A motorist may "let her out" a little on the provincial thoroughfare, but he always has his eye open for the traffic officer. This is unnecessary on the county roads, and until such an officer is appointed by the County Council or other body, we can see no redress against this nuisance unless into their own hands and lay the information. In this regard it should be remembered that it is not necessary for an official of the law to take a hand in laying charges for breaking of the speed laws.

As we were over the road in question Tuesday night of this week, we would say that any glaring infractions of the speeding laws must be committed | be worth something. between Hutton Hill and Allan Park, and right here we would like a little information. Why is it that county roads do not stand up as well as the provincial roads? This holds good all over Ontario. Is it because of faulty construction, or is it because the counties build their roads at considerable expense and then neglect the maintenance program until the roadway is in poor condition? From our experience on county roads, we would think the latter the cause. County roads are usually good for a year or so, and then commence to get full of holes. We are told that this is because they are not properly looked | wasn't the Tory cob. after when completed, and also that the use of the steam roller is not in accordance with the best methods of road making. The roller is the principal we have been told, and until this part of the road use in looking for redress from this nuisance.

Dirt roads on the provincial highways are constructed without the use of this implement for the reason that it is too hard to keep the roadbed level once this heavy machine passes over. This, however, is for the road makers to determine, as we know nothing whatever of the best plans for the making of roads. We do know, however, that the provincial highways are constructed for practically the same money, and are a great deal easier on the car and its passengers than the average county road we have passed over.

The roads of today, with the increased and increasing motor traffic, must be better made than those of a few years ago, and the methods then in use will not do at the present time. It may be that the Department of Highways in Torono recognize this, and with the view to cutting down the expense and making better roads, have appointed county engineers to look after their end of the county road making scheme, of which they pay a large percentage of the cost.

MOTOR INSURANCE

Reading between the lines, it would seem that the day is not far off when every owner of a motor car will be compelled to take out accident insurance. A superficial consideration of this matter looks as if in a free country like Canada such a measure is a trifle drastic, but an examination of the reasons would lead one to believe that it is the only solution to a lot of the accidents that take place from carelessness and for which not one single excuse can be advanced.

To begin with, no man should be compelled to insure his own vehicle against the recklessness of the foolish driver, but as the law now stands, this is the case at present. Supposing you are driving down the road in your nice, new car, and some irresponsible driver comes along in a second-hand flivver and runs into you? Who should pay the damages? You will naturally say, the reckless driver, of course. And so he does-providing he has the money. But if he has no money, and you bring him to court and get judgment, what good does it do you. Now, if that reckless driver had been compelled to carry accident insurance, the insurance company would reimburse you for any damage done.

As automobile accident companies will not carry insurance on anyone who has been proven to be a liability, they may, under reasonable justification, refuse to issue accident insurance to irresponsibles, and, these irresponsibles, being unable to drive a car because they are unable to secure insurance, will be removed from the highway, to the relief of the careful drivers of cars who have long put up with the antics of this class of motorist, fortunately largely in the minority.

We believe the day is soon coming when the governments will see the wisdom of compulsory automobile accident insurance. When the time does come, we have no doubt there will be a lot of opposition, but we are of the opinion this will come from those who do not wish to be bound down by regulations and a check kept on their accidents. Compulsory insurance would also help keep the speed

fiends within bounds, as were the insurance companies responsible for all the damage done by cars carried by them, they would hesitate in renewing the insurance of parties known to be speed fiends or reckless drivers.

On the other hand, a fast driver is not to be classed as a "speed field." The driver who is going on a long trip, runs along at from 25 to 35 miles an hour, or, for sake of argument, 40 miles an hour, is not necessarily a speed field. While he is breaking the law if he travels over 25 miles an hour, driver of this kind is usually careful in the traffic and not nearly so dangerous as some other drivers who always drive within the speed limit. The speed fiend proper is the fellow who wants to pass all the cars along the highway that appear in front of him. Put him on the highway alone, and he appears as sane as the majority, but let another motorist attempt to pass, and he steps on the gas and burns up the road for a mile or so until he gets in the lead, then slacks down to the old pace. Traffic officers have told us that the motorist who drives twenty miles an hour for a time and then makes a spurt up to fifty for a minute or so is more of a menace to the highway than the one who picks out even 40 miles an hour and drives steadily. This latter class is usually careful in approaching crossings and in traffic, and though apprehended if caught, it is more a matter of principle that they are fined than for any thought of the harm they

The true-born speed fiend, however, is a nuisance whether he drives five or fifty miles an hour.

AN UNSOUGHT TESTIMONIAL

The Meaford Mirror evidently does not regard | ter's parents here. Arthur Hawkes as very much of an asset, political or otherwise, in any cause. It says:

"Arthur Hawkes is chairman of the Political Action Committee of the Ontario Prohibition Union, which at once assures its becoming a political fizzle. Whatever hs merits, Arthur Hawkes is the champion political blow-out in Ontario. His standing was so high that when he was doing special residents along the route wish to take the matter | work for the Toronto Star, that paper found it more valuable to give him the pen name 'The Spotlight,' rather than advertise the personality behind the sketches."

As Editor Thurston is a pronounced advocate of prohibition, and should be well acquainted with Mr. Hawkes, his sizing-up of the situation should

We know nothing of Mr. Hawkes personally but, their mother, Mrs. J. A. Aldred. Mrs. hearing his address to the South Grey Prohibition Committee, we cannot say he advanced anything in his line of talk that has not been gone over many onto teaching staff, came home last times before. But perhaps we are prejudiced, as we can well remember Mr. Hawkes stumping this country for the Tories, then for the Grits; he later, we understand, was a contributor to the Farmers' Sun for the U. F. O. cause and was on the Star in Toronto for a time when that paper hardly knew what political horse it was riding, except that it

Mr. Hawkes may be all right, but in our opinion he will be found on the side that will pay him the largest salary. While this, generally speaking, is reason for the "waves" so noticeable in county roads, the accepted ethics of present-day causes, political or otherwise, and may be all right, we haven't much making program is done away with, there is little | confidence in a man who will talk for the salary that's in it rather than his own personal convictions.

NOTES AND COMMENTS

And now they are agitating to change the tail lights on autos from red to yellow. Will wonders never cease?

"Pair of Shears in Stomach Causes Pain to Patient," says a newspaper heading. What else Schomberg were the guests of Mrs. would be expected of them? If we had a pair of Beggs and family over the weekshears in our stomach, it wouldn't tickle us very much either.

The Wiarton Echo bewails the fact that far too were holiday guests of her father, many of its subscribers and others who owe it only small amounts send cheques in payment without add- Durham. ing exchange. The Echo is right. A man or firm has a real kick coming when it is found necessary to pay ten and fifteen cents exchange on cheques under ten dollars.

CRISP COMMENT

They are still going at it at Ottawa-hammer and tongues.—Brantford Expositor.

"Cultivating old acquaintances," said the farmer, as he drove the harrow over the abandoned graveyard .- Exeter Times-Advocate.

Most of the world's big jobs are handled by men who don't know what kind of a tie is becoming months, and Mrs. Harold Gloin, who to them .- Kitchener Record.

Possibly many attractive widows are able to marry again because of the truth of the old proverb that "dead men tell no tales."-Toronto Star.

The patient in Toronto who refused to pay his surgeon \$2,000 for an operation should have specified one of the cheaper cuts.-Kitchener Record.

If a married man is polite, you never can tell whether he's chivalrous or scared.-Sherbrooke Re-

smiles on, you can't blame her for smiling.-Sherbrooke Record. Married women have a keener sense of humor

than unmarried women and, goodness knows, they need it .- Brandon Sun. Why is it that a women who constantly com-

plains that she has nothing to wear has to have six closets to keep it in?-Sarnia Observer. A skull half an inch thick, and unearthed in Arizona, has been sent to Washington without the

formality of an election.—Hamilton Spectator. The following conversation over the phone may be some justification for raising the rates: "Is that you, darling?" "Yes, who's that?"-Ottawa

Philosophy is what makes a woman think of herself as "just a little too plump," when she tries the scales at 160, and a man think of himself as "slightly overweight," when he lets his belt out to 52.—Halifax Herald.

SOCIAL AND PERSONA

Mr. and Mrs. Neil Livingston and over the holiday.

Gwynneth were visitors in town hospital staff for the past couple of two months has returned to her and vicinity for the past week. Mr. years, returned to town Friday home here. McGowan also was in town for the night of last week and is visiting week-end .- Arthur Enterprise.

Mountain over the week-end. Mr. Robert Hughes of Guelph vis- his brother, Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Koch ited with his sisters here over the here, over the holiday.

Messrs. Thomas, Albert and Alfred | week-end with his son, Mr. Harry McClocklin and Mr. W. Cameron, Kress, near Owen Sound. Toronto, were the guests of Mr. and Misses Irene and Alma Whittaker Mrs. E. D. McClocklin at the Rocky and Masters Arthur and Arden, Tor-Camp over the holiday. Mr. and onto, were the guests of Mrs. M. Mrs. J. Nicholls and son Eric, Ken- Kearns over the holiday. The lat-

Mr. Peter McArthur returned home her aunt pital, where he has been taking mother, Mrs. Adam Weir, motored an injured knee, sustained while day with Mr. and Mrs. B. Smith.

spent the past week with her father, Mr. J. A. Aldred, here. Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Edwards, Toronto, Mrs. W. Heughan and son, Caldwell, Milverton, and Mrs. W Kennedy and son, Marshall, Shelburne, spent over the holiday with Kennedy and son returned to their home at Shelburne on Tuesday. Miss May McClocklin, of the Tor-

week and is spending a couple of weeks with her parents here. Miss McClocklin has not been in the best of health for a short time back and is taking a short rest to recuperate. Mr. Russell Currie, who for the past few years has been in the West, arrived in town last week and is visiting his mother. Mrs. Currie,

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Firth o Lindsay spent over the week-end with relatives in Glenelg. Mr. and Mrs. Nichol of London were holiday visitors with the former's uncles, Messrs. Walter and

Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Kearney of end, and also visited Mrs. Kearney's brother, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Irwin.

Mr. Henry Brigham, Allan Park, and with other relatives in Bentinck and

and spent Sunday with his brother, Mr. and Mrs. John Arnett, here. Dr. C. C. Ramage of Cooksville spent over the holiday at his par-

visited with Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Catton over the week-end, returning yesterday.

a few days at Caledonia and Woodfrom the latter place by their been visiting there for the past two will spend a month with her par-

and family and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Milne and Master Bobbie, spent the 24th with friends at Winona, near

Miss Jean Cresswell spent over the 24th at her home near Kingston. Mr. and Mrs. P. Gagnon, daughter Norma,, and Mrs. Gagnon, Sr., motored to Detroit Sunday and visited relatives over the holiday. Mrs. Gagnon, Sr., remained in Detroit and will spend the summer months with When you look at some of the men fortune her sons, Messrs. Philip and Fred

> Mr. and Mrs. Charles Second (nee Marie Brigham of Allan Park), of Welland, visited with Mrs. Cross and Mr. Herb. Cross on Saturday.

Mr. H. N. Burnett, who has been visiting his daughter, Mrs. Cooper. at Paisley, is reported seriously ill of pneumonia, but we have no particulars regarding his condition.

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suckwheat50 @ 55
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ggs
Butter
Potatoes, per bag 2.25
Sheepskins75 @ 1.00

Mr. James Livingston motored from Detroit and visited his friend, Miss Adeline Hewitt, over the week-

little daughter motored to Queenston and visited his relatives there

Mr. William Ibbott, teller in the local branch of the Standard Bank, and formerly of Durham, has received a move to Calgary, Alta., and leaves shortly to take up his duties in Western Canada.-Flesherton Ad- 24th.

Miss Elysbeth Livingston of Ham- a couple of months.

spent the holiday under the par- in Toronto.

neth Allan and Lloyd McClocklin ter three have returned to the city. also spent the holiday with the lat- but Miss Whittaker is remaining for

Saturday night from a Toronto Hostreatment since about Christmas for working at the plant of the Durham Stone and Sand Company, here. We are pleased to learn that he is showing great improvement

Mrs. Murray Hoy of Detroit is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas McGirr. Miss Margaret Aldred of Toronto

here. Mr. Currie intends locating

William Nichol, in Glenelg. Mr. John Whittaker, daughter Irene, and son, Arden, Toronto, were in town over the week-end, the former disposing of his household effects here on Saturday. Master Arden returned to Toronto Tuesday, but Mr. Whittaker and Miss Irene were remaining in town for a few

Mr. and Mrs. James Livingstone

and daugnters, Meryl and Elysbeth,

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Arnett and family of Orangeville motored up

ental home here. Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Catton, Toronto.

Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Kelsey spent stock, and were accompanied home daughters, Miss Isabel, who has

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Henderson

Mr. and Mrs. James Atkinson of term. Toronto have been in this section | Mrs. Valentine and Miss Teresa for the past week or so visiting rel- Vollett have been visiting with the Toronto about the first of June.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Williams and two daughters, and Miss Peggy Hiltz and Mr. Jack Burns, all of Kitchener, were holiday guests of Mrs. M

Misses Myrtle and Margaret Yiirs were home from Toronto over the

Miss Nettie Daniel, nurse, who Mrs. W. A. McGowan and Miss has been on the Shaunavon, Sask. her sister, Mrs. J. N. Murdock, for ford visited at her home here over

ilton was the guest of Miss Vera Mr. and Mrs. Norman Koch and, family of Kitchener were guests of

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Barber, son Mr. James McClocklin, manager Thomas, and daughter, Margaret, latter's mother and sisters, Mrs. of the Standard Bank at Trenton, Toronto, spent the week-end with spent the holiday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Cook. Mrs. Col-Mr. and Mrs. E. T. McClocklin. Mr. ville returned with them and will Ted McClocklin of Toronto also spend some time with her daughter

Mr. George Kress spent over the

the rest of the week on a visit with

Misses Annie and Julia Weir and to Guelph and spent over the holi-Miss Helen Christie and Mr. and Mrs. J. Hill of Boothville visited friends in town and at the former's relatives near Port Elgin the first

of the week. Mr. Cyril Culliton of Toronto visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Michael McAuliffe over the weekend. Other holiday guests there were Mr. and Mrs. Lobsinger and Miss Sadie Russell of Ayton.

Messrs. Frank McIlraith and Douglas Ewen visited with Toronto friends over the 24th Miss Eula and Mr. Royden Bur-

I. We trust however, that his illness nett and Mr. Ab. Kress are home is not so serious as the reports would after attending the University of Western Ontario at London the past

atives. They expect to return to latter's mother, Mrs. M. Vollett

recently. Miss Ruby Blyth of Toronto spent the week-end at her home at Varney Mrs. Dennett and Mrs. McCarty of Toronto were visiting friends in town and vicinity over the week-

Mr. Nelson Evans of Toronto Dental College has returned to his home

Mrs. Mary Vollett, who has been

Miss Katherine Lavelle of Strat-

Miss Katy McAuliffe visited in Walkerton on the 24th, Mr. and Mrs. Smith and babe, and Mr. Ernest McGirr, motored from Galt and were holiday guests of the Thomas McGirr and family.

Mrs. Keddy and daughter Mary of Toronto were holiday guests of the former's mother, Mrs. Mary Vollett,

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It's being done, jus sand other seeming things are today. My of your modern wi expected of a wife was a girl, say. If ther reared a family well, nobody took i selves to whisper a without her success

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One Woman's F

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Lotions Work W

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treatment serves surpri To Get Rid of Brow

shape and shine the

If there are brown s hands, a saturated soluti sulphate of soda may be it freely. It is not al tive. I'm told by some ents, but by others who