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Pedestrians Urged to Co-Operate

ARE you a wacky walker?

Because so many persons are, the National Safety Council has called on pedestrians to stop walking themselves to death—especially during the dark winter months when pedestrian deaths are highest.

Longer hours of darkness, haste and drinking by both pedestrians and drivers increase pedestrian accidents and deaths in December.

Pedestrian safety is being stressed during the special campaign, "Back the Attack on Traffic Accidents," which was launched in December and will continue through 1957. Emphasis also will be on speed, night driving and drinking.

The purpose of the campaign which is given the wholehearted support of the RCMP is, first, to encourage public officials to step up the attack, and, second, to stimulate citizens to back the attack on traffic accidents.

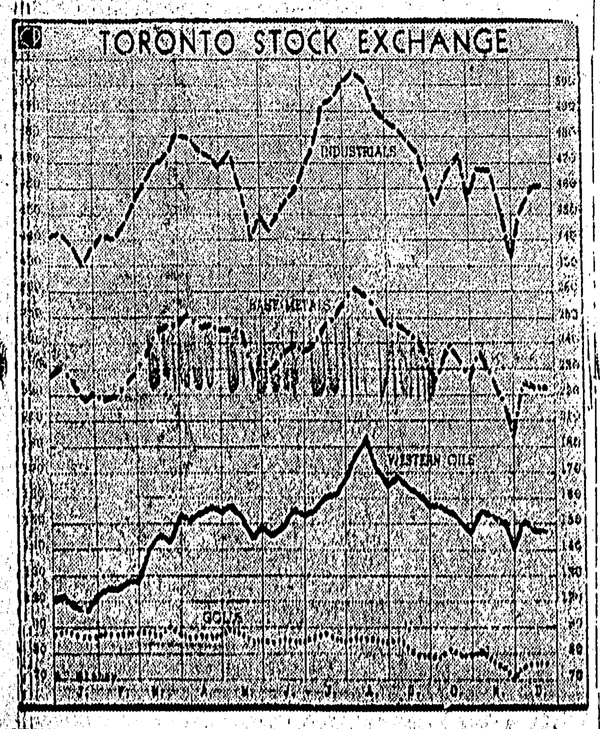
Last year 8,200 pedestrians were killed by motor vehicles and in many of these accidents the driver of the car was not at fault. Often at night the driver of a car traveling at a comparatively low speed cannot see the pedestrian in time to avoid hitting him.

If the car is traveling 34 miles an hour—about 50 feet a second—and the driver sees the pedestrian 100 feet away, it is almost impossible for the driver to stop in time. And the pedestrian only has two seconds to escape being hit—unless the driver changes his speed or direction!

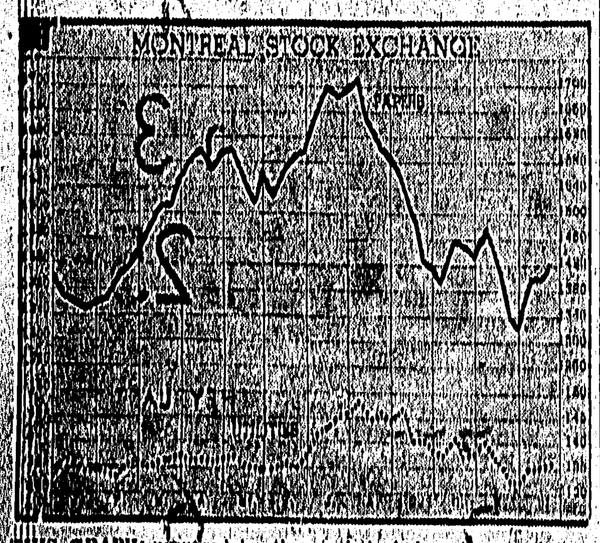
A special study of holiday accidents, made by the Safety Council, shows that one-third of the pedestrians killed during the Christmas holiday contributed to their deaths by crossing between intersections, stepping from behind a parked car or walking on a roadway. Victims were principally older persons. Four out of 10 were 65 years of age or older.

To avoid being hit, the Council and RCMP urge pedestrians to:

- Cross streets only at intersections and to stay within crosswalks.
- Obey traffic signals, signs, regulations, and directions of traffic officers.
- Never dash into the street or walk suddenly from any spot where parked cars or other obstructions block the view.
- Be sure there is time to cross safely before stepping from curb.
- Walk to the left, facing traffic, if there are no sidewalks.



WHILE INDUSTRIAL, base-metal and western oils stocks climbed to record levels on the Toronto Stock Exchange, the market was generally disappointing in 1956. In the last four months the Middle East crisis and a tightening of Canadian monetary policies wiped our mining gains and most of the industrial advance of previous months as shown in this graph prepared by the exchange statistical department. (CP Photo).



THIS GRAPH, prepared by the statistical department of the Toronto Stock Exchange, shows movements of 2 leading groups on the Montreal Stock Exchange in 1956. Papers climbed to their highest levels in a decade during the first eight months, overcold during the Middle East crisis and rallied toward the year's end. Utilities swung in a moderate range. (CP Photo).

As I See It

by

Elmore Philpott

• UN Needs Mounties

CANADA is pressing for a permanent UN force, to begin to do on the world level what the constable does for law and order in our home towns.

This force might start small, and grow stage by stage, as required.

The history of our own famous Royal Canadian Mounted Police teaches many lessons as to how such a UN force might be built up and gradually grow in world prestige.

LET US say that the UN Assembly decided to raise a permanent UN police force of about 140,000 or 150,000 men and women.

This force would need some strikingly distinctive uniform which would soon become as famous as did the original scarlet tunics of Canada's mounties. Perhaps all-white uniforms might serve the purpose of this force best—for the same reason that the UN Emergency Force is using all-white planes and all-white barracks. Perhaps all-blue would be more practical.

A modern army deliberately uses khaki or some other uniform which makes it easier for a soldier to conceal himself. But—just as the red coat of the RCMP—was meant to be as spectacular as a flag, so the UN police force will need something drastically and dramatically different from the uniform of the armed forces of all nations.

IT SEEMS to me that the UN police force will have to be mobilized on a long-time service basis. It should be open to men and women of all races, on a sensibly balanced basis.

The question of language will probably prove a tough nut to crack, for obviously the UN police force will not be able to operate on a tower-of-Babel basis.

But all the UN police will have to swear a solemn oath of loyalty to the UN and its charter.

I HAVE never been enough of an optimist (or dreamer) to believe that all the nations would ever scrape their armies and armaments overnight. I look forward to a long period of incomplete peace, but one in which the principle of world law gradually spreads—and where the UN police force actually wins its spurs by doing tough and difficult small jobs.

Nothing succeeds like success. If the UN Emergency Force is replaced by a permanent UN police force, and that latter force succeeds in winning a local stabilization success around Suez, it will not be long before the principle will be applied elsewhere.

CYNICS may say that a war waged by a UN police force may be just as deadly as one between armies of rival nations.

This is not so. It cannot be too clearly understood that there is a vital difference between all police action and all wars between nations.

War is a violent, lawless method of settling disputes between nations. A police action has no other purpose than to keep groups of human beings from trying to carry out their wishes by organized violence. The main job of the policeman is done when he gets the accused lawbreaker before a judge.

No realist believes that any UN police force we are likely to get in the near future will be strong enough, by itself, to immediately restrain any of the great powers, if they choose to go on the rampage.

But it might be able to do on the world front pretty much what the mounties did in the old days of the wild west—gradually extend the sphere of law and order primarily by the acceptance of a good idea.

DIES AFTER FAREWELL

SPOKANE, Wash. (AP)—The 20-year-old wife of an air force sergeant collapsed and died of a heart attack at a railroad depot New Year's Eve, just seconds after her husband boarded a train on his way overseas. Mrs. Barbara Akers had kissed her husband goodbye, stood for a moment, then turned and fell as the train started moving. The conductor was notified and told the sergeant half an hour after the train left.

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All Aboard

By G. E. MORTIMORE

We were sitting around enjoying a seasonal glass when my friend Bob made the remark:

"If people refuse a drink, I don't try to persuade them," he said. "I never forced anyone to have a drink in my life—except one time."

"There was a time you forced a person to take a drink?" I prompted.

"Yes. It was during the depression. We had a woman staying with us. She had no money, and no place to go.

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"It was New Year's Eve. This woman was very lonely. She kept crying the blues and saying how badly she felt.

"But there was one thing she wanted, and she would feel a lot better. I asked her what it was. 'A bottle of Scotch,' she says. 'I haven't seen a bottle of Scotch for such a long time.'

"Is that so" I says.

"You probably hadn't seen a bottle of Scotch for quite a while yourself." I suggested.

"No. I was making exactly ten dollars a week, with a wife and child to support. Well, I didn't say anything to this woman then. But I went in to the next room and brought out my wallet, and I made the rounds of the family taking up a collection, when she wasn't looking.

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"We collected all our quarters and dimes and nickels and pennies, and squeezed out enough to buy this bottle of Scotch. We needed the money for other things, but just because she was so blue, we decided to get the bottle for her.'

"Well sir, I brought this bottle and handed it to her. She stared at me.

"No, thanks." she says.

"What do you mean, no thanks? I says to her. 'It's all yours. Go ahead take it.

"I don't have a man to keep me company," this woman says. 'Liquor doesn't interest me unless I have a man to drink with. I don't want anything to drink, thanks.'

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"I didn't say anything to the woman for a moment," said my friend Bob. "I went in the kitchen and opened the bottle. Then I grabbed the woman. She struggled and screamed. I wrestled her down on the floor.

"You're going to drink some of this if it chokes you," I told her. 'All right," I said to my wife, I'll hold her mouth open. You pour some whisky down her throat.' And my wife poured some down.

"As I said, that was the only time I ever forced anyone to take a drink. But if a person wants to take tea or coffee for the road, or drink nothing but soda pop all day, that's all right with me," said my friend Bob.

"Foul Play" Suspected As Body Found

LANGLEY, B.C. (CP)—The death of a man whose body was found concealed in the mud of the Nicomen River Friday has been termed "foul play" by RCMP scientists.

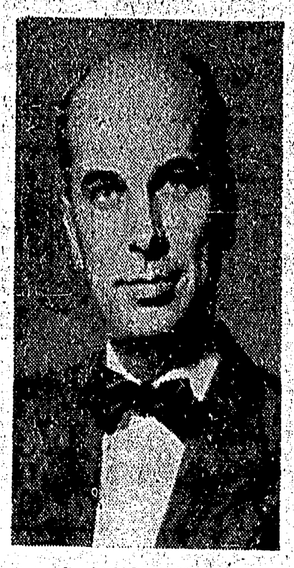
The badly decomposed body, between 30 and 45 years, was found by nine-year-old John Sheridan.

An autopsy disclosed the body had lain in its shallow grave for "at least a year," and that death was caused by severe fractures of the skull. Two small holes in the skull police say, could have been made by bullets.

RCMP officers say they have not been able to identify the man, and hold little hope of solving the crime until the identity is established.

The body was buried under a raincoat at the edge of the slow running stream, 40 yards from a road. It was that of a small man dressed in work clothes.

B of M Names New General Manager



G. ARNOLD HART

ARTHUR C. JENSEN

Announcement has been made by Gordon R. Ball, president of the Bank of Montreal, of the appointment of G. Arnold Hart, (left), as general-manager of the bank, succeeding Arthur C. Jensen, who becomes executive vice-president, effective January 1. Mr. Hart, who will be one of the youngest general managers in the history of Canada's senior financial institution, has held a wide variety of important posts since the Second World War. After five years with the Canadian Army, he became secretary to the president, the late George Spinney. Later, he served as assistant superintendent at Calgary, manager at the Edmonton main office, and an agent at the bank's New York office. Three years ago, after an extended trip through the Far East as a special representative of the bank, he was made a superintendent at the head office, and in the following year he became an assistant general manager. Last April, he was made deputy general manager. Mr. Jensen, who has been general manager for the past four years, becomes executive vice-president after a banking career extending over 42 years. For the past two years he has been a vice-president of the bank. He is also a vice-president of the Canadian Bankers' Association.

Pink Salmon Pact Signed By Canada, United States

Special To The Daily News

OTTAWA—Canada and the United States wrote a new chapter in co-operative fisheries management with the signing of an agreement providing for joint control over the pink salmon stocks of the Juan de Fuca Straits-Fraser River area.

Signing the agreement for their respective countries were Canada's Fisheries Minister James Sinclair and T. Livingston Merchant, United States ambassador to Canada, and Dr. W. C. Herrington of the United States Department of State, Washington.

Mr. Sinclair said that the occasion was another auspicious one in the friendly relations that exist between the United States and Canada. He recalled that Canada and the United States were the first countries in the world to sign an international fisheries treaty, the International Pacific Halibut Fishery Convention of 1923.

Since then, he said, the two countries had signed four more bilateral treaties, all designed to conserve common fisheries resources, and their example had been followed by other countries.

The pink salmon treaty was not only another great step forward in conserving the resources of the sea but it was also a further example of the really practical co-operation that exists between the two nations.

Mr. Sinclair said that the fishermen of the west coast would be happy at having the pink salmon placed under the management of the International Pacific Salmon Fisheries Commission which had done such a splendid job in rehabilitating the sockeye salmon populations of the Fraser River.

He predicted that the scientific investigations and joint management which the Commission provides will not only guard the stocks of pink salmon against depletion but would also increase the catch in the years ahead.

U. S. Ambassador Merchant said that he was happy to echo the Minister's sentiments, adding that in this new agreement both countries were giving another demonstration of the closeness with which they work together and their ability to resolve problems of common interest. He said that the treaty would be of great and important value to the fishermen of both countries.

The agreement signed today will become effective upon exchange of instruments of ratification following approval by the Canadian parliament and the United States Senate.

OTTAWA DIARY

By JAMES R. NELSON

When Rt. Hon. Clarence Decatur Howe (or his top echelon of advisors) comes to write his annual economic review and outlook for the new year, he can be counted on—as ever—to be optimistic. The document the Minister of Trade and Commerce (and Minister of Defence Production) turned out this year is no exception. Everything is rosy everywhere. If there are any dark clouds on the economic horizon, they are only incidental and it seems, if the federal government shakes its head hard enough, they'll go away.

The economic upswing in 1957, according to Mr. Howe, "shows no signs of general vulnerability." There may be vulnerability in some few industries, like house-building, foreign trade to troubled parts of the world, and so on. But no signs of "general" vulnerability, quoth Mr. Howe.

One of the remarkable things about the current economic situation is that so far, this winter, the general employment picture hasn't been affected as it usually is by a seasonal slump. The construction industry is usually one of the worst to be hit when winter storms set in.

Just a short drive around the main streets of Ottawa will show how construction is still going ahead in the dead of winter.

A block or so west of Parliament Hill, the second big building of a group dedicated to the Veterans of World War II is still being built. The schedule of construction on the new edifice, which will house Howe's departments when completed, did run into a couple of delays caused by steel shortages, but work is going on steadily.

The same can be said for several other new buildings the government is putting up in Ottawa.

The government should be counted on to keep its construction going during the normally slack winter months. But an excursion further afield in Ottawa demonstrates that others are taking up the mission to keep construction workers employed.

Down on the driveway alongside the Rideau canal, West Germany is building a new Embassy. The steelwork was completed this fall, and the whole big structure is now draped with enormous tarpaulins, enclosing the framework so that work can go on even before the walls are completed.

A few blocks away, a number of old ramshackle houses on a prominent intersection have been ripped down, and even in the week between Christmas and New Year's, work started on building a new gas station. First thing erected was the service station sign advertising a popular brand of gas and oil. It will probably be completed well before the Sunday drivers are out this spring.

KANSAS CITY (AP)—Police evacuated 2,800 moviegoers from Loew's Midland Theatre Tuesday night after an anonymous telephone tipster warned that a bomb had been planted there. The theatre was emptied in 15 minutes in perfect order after an announcement from the stage. Twenty detectives joined in a search but found no bomb.

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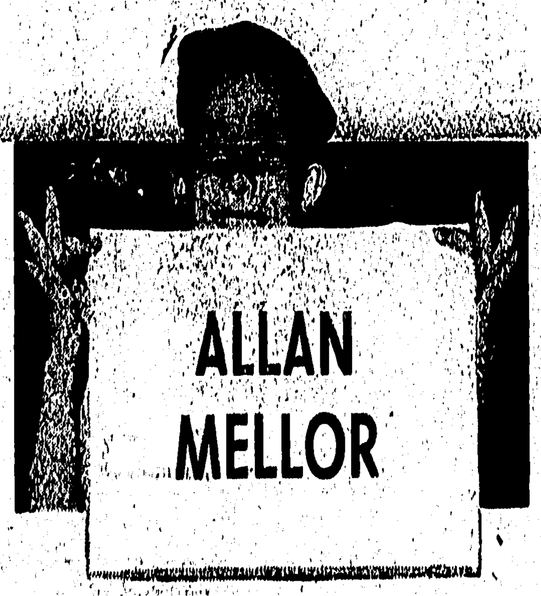

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