

# Manitoba Bears Down On Accident-prone Motorists

By **WALTER GRAY**  
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WINNIPEG (CP) — Manitoba's highway safety program has been assailed and praised. The complainants are usually those motorists who run foul of the law or flunk their driving tests.

But the complaints are smothered by bouquets tossed by safety experts throughout Canada and the United States and by Manitoba's 225,000 drivers in general.

"It is a strict, but a fair, program," says R. B. Baillie, registrar of motor vehicles and the man behind the program.

**PROGRAM NOT CAMPAIGN**

"This is no safety campaign. It is a safety program working day and night and remorselessly. It is a program that weeds out accident-prone motorists and the bad drivers. They are not yanked from the highway but are given a chance to mend their ways through the driver improvement clinic.

But if they show no sign of improvement they lose their right to drive. As of Dec. 31 last, 6,583 motorists were under suspension, or 2 1/2 per cent of the driving public.

Of this total, approximately half were rural drivers. These rural drivers are under a handicap: until this year only the greater Winnipeg area was served by a driver improvement clinic. This March a similar clinic is to be established in Brandon. Rural drivers who reach the six-point limit under the province's demerit mark system automatically have their licenses suspended.

Mr. Baillie says licenses may be suspended for five different reasons:

1. Failure to pay a judgment arising from an accident.
2. Being involved in an accident without insurance.
3. Failure to file proof of insurance following a major conviction.
4. Poor driving record under the point system.
5. Failure to pass a driving test following a call-in under the point system.

**RIGHT TO APPEAL**

Persons under suspension have the right to appeal to county court within 30 days after the suspension is made.

Manitoba has set a high standard for its drivers. Motorists called in to the driver improvement clinic, as well as those seeking their first driving licence, go through a stiff test.

They pay one dollar for the first test. If they fail on the initial try they are allowed two free exams. After the fourth try it is necessary to get approval from the registrar before another attempt is made.

Motorists, who have reached the six-point limit under the demerit system, hand over their driver's licence on reporting to the clinic. If they fail the test they walk home.

They first take a knowledge test composed of 24 questions. The answers are contained in the motorist's handbook which applicants must read beforehand. They are allowed four demerits on this test. This is followed by vision and reaction tests.

The actual driving test follows.

An examiner accompanying the applicant carries with him a check sheet on which he checks off mistakes.

**COUNSELLING EXAMINERS**

The check list notes errors in starting, stopping, signal violations, passing, speed, backing, parallel parking etc.

The applicant is allowed 50 demerits.

Drivers who have been called in are counseled by examiners. Their file card is reviewed and their infractions pointed out.

Mr. Baillie stressed that the call-in of questionable drivers is not "punishment."

"We merely want to find out what's wrong with the driver and point out to him just what he is doing wrong."

Statistically-speaking Manitoba's safety program is showing considerable success. For example, the registrar pointed to the reduction in insurance claim frequencies in Winnipeg.

In 1947, four years before the program was started, claims for 18.6 per cent of the cars on Manitoba highways were made. In 1952, the year following the start of the program, the percentage dropped to 13.5 in 1954 it dropped again to 13.

And for a case in point, Mr. Baillie tells of a Winnipeg dairy firm which sent its drivers to the clinic. In the last four years the staff of 14 driving nine trucks and five passenger cars were involved in two small property damage accidents—cars rammed into the rears of two trucks.

## POINT DE ROCHE

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Doyle spent New Year's with Mrs. Doyle's father, Mr. Edward Donnelly, Charlottetown.

Mrs. Ruel McCormac has returned to her home in Point de Roche, after spending New Year's with her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Strain, Charlottetown.

Mr. Gerald Doyle of Ontario, arriving some to spend the winter months with his mother, Mrs. Barbara Doyle, Savage Harbour.

Mr. Joseph McKenna has returned to Point de Roche after spending the winter months with the most enjoyable holiday in Borden, guest of Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred Kiggins.

Mrs. Mary Harrington and son Leonard have returned to their home in Charlottetown, after spending the Christmas holidays at the home of Mrs. Harrington's aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Freehan, Mount Stewart.

Mr. and Mrs. John McInnis and family of Point de Roche were business visitors to Charlottetown on Jan. 4.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph McDougall of Blooming Point were guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George McCormac on Jan. 4.

Mr. J. A. B. Meacnall has returned to Savage Harbour to resume his duties as teacher after spending the Christmas holidays at his home in Georgetown.

Miss Kathleen Feehan has returned to Charlottetown after spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Feehan, Mount Stewart.

Mr. James McInnis who received severe back injuries at the new Federal building in Charlottetown, was able to spend Christmas with his wife and family in Tracadie Cross.

Miss Mary McCormac returned to Charlottetown on January 3, after spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ruel McCormac. Mary is a student at

## Princely College

Point de Roche School reopened on January 3rd. after holidays.

Miss Margaret Rose has returned to her home, after spending Christmas with her mother, Mrs. Frank Rose, St. Andrews.

Mr. Pius Griffin, Mount Stewart, left for Montreal on January 4th. On his return he will visit Boston, Mass.

Mrs. George McCormac was a visitor to Charlottetown on January 6th.

Mr. and Mrs. Tempel Murphy of Savage Harbour, have taken up residence in Mount Stewart for the winter months, with their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Albert McIntyre.

Master Wayne Jay of New Castle, New Brunswick, has returned to his home, after spending the Christmas holidays with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. G. Jardine, Mount Stewart.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Gunn and son Jackie, of Savage Harbour, were business visitors to Charlottetown recently.

Mr. Allison Jay, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roland Jay of Mount Stewart, has left for Boston, Mass., where he will spend two weeks visiting friends and relatives.

Mrs. Edward Donnelly of Charlottetown, is spending a few days at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Kelly of St. Andrews.

Mrs. Charles McLellan of Saint Andrews has returned to Charlottetown, after spending Christmas at her home. Mrs. McLellan is at the present employed at Saint Dunstons College.

Several men from this area left on Saturday for Prince County, where they will be engaged in erecting new telephone poles which were destroyed by a severe sleet storm on Friday and Saturday.

Mr. Richard Doyle, John Michener, Allen Doyle, and Mr. Fred AFleck were among those from this area.

Mr. Benny McCormac has re-

## turned to Charlottetown after spending the Christmas holidays with his parents in Point de Roche. Benny is a student at St. Dunstons College.

It is pleasing to note that the condition of Mr. Reuben McInnis is very much improved. Reuben who is well known in this area had the misfortune of losing three fingers while peeling pulpwood at Souris.

## Hi-Y Meeting

The first meeting of the new year was held by the Alpha Hi-Y Club on Wednesday evening at 7:00. The opening ritual was led by President Jim Norton and Ned Nathan, with scripture reading by Jim Norton and David MacDonald.

The secretary read the minutes of the last meeting and called the roll call, which was answered by twenty members. David Campbell then gave his financial statement which was followed by a brief outline of the financial condition given by David MacDonald. This talk was mostly on the plans to help the Y's Men with their extension of the Y centre.

Christian Youth Week (Jan. 29 to Feb. 5th) was discussed and it was thought the club might get a short programme over the air shortly before school.

The president then notified all committee chairmen that there would be reports from all committees at the following meeting. David Campbell brought up the subject of having a lunch after the meeting but it was rejected after a very close vote.

The committees were to have meetings at the school during the week of the service on Thursday at 1:10, the executive of the Hi-Y on Monday at 4:00 and the membership on Friday at 1:10. The fines levied during the meeting were then read out by Robert Holman.

Mr. Campbell and secretary Robert Holman then moved by David Campbell and seconded by Robert Holman that the meeting be adjourned.

## Pleasant Valley Couple Celebrate 40th Anniversary

On Thursday evening December 29, 1955, the family of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew J. Stevenson gathered to extend congratulations and best wishes to their parents, who celebrated their fortieth wedding anniversary.

Sadie Stevenson was the former Sadie, Stevenson of Pleasant Valley. Her mother Mrs. Ella Abbott, Fredericton, was present for the occasion. Members of the family spoke words of praise to their parents and made the presentation of a tri-light lamp and pressure cooker. Mr. Stevenson replied, thanking them for their thoughtfulness and lovely gifts. Lunch was served and an enjoyable evening spent.

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## Long Creek Baptist Church Meeting

The Long Creek Baptist Church annual meeting was held on Tuesday, January 17, 1956, with the usual number of members present.

Worship Service on "Stewardship" was conducted by the Pastor, Rev. Oyst. Cochran, who was appointed chairman. Interesting reports were received from all departments of church work.

A mission Band was organized in September with 29 members. Meeting closed with prayer by the pastor.

## Resident Honored Before Departure

An enjoyable time was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William DeCosta on Thursday, Jan. 19 when a surprise party was held for their son, Vincent (Sockeye) DeCosta who has joined the Royal Canadian Engineers. He has now left to join his unit in Chilliwack, B. C.

Dancing was enjoyed an address was read by Jackie Blanchard and a gift of money was presented by the honored guest by Gail DeCosta after which everyone sang "For He's A Jolly Good Fellow." Lunch was served by the hostess, assisted by Mrs. Fred DeCosta.

## HAMPTON

Mrs. Willard Fall celebrated her birthday at her home in Hampton, in the presence of immediate relatives and friends, in January 1.

Mr. Fred Ince, at long time resident of Hampton, will celebrate his 83rd birthday at his home on February 8.

A wide circle of friends of Mr. E. C. Holm, who celebrated his birthday on Jan. 9, and a long time resident at Holm's Mill, Desable, join in conveying sincere congratulations, and best wishes for many returns of the happy occasion. Quite recently a large gathering of relatives and friends assembled at his home residence to offer congratulations and best wishes accompanied by very beautiful gifts, upon the occasion of the celebration by Mr. and Mrs. Holm's of fifty years of married life.

The recent death of Mrs. Hannah (MacKay) Rogerson, late of Coleman, at the age of 104, has removed a lady widely known and highly respected resident of Coleman for many years. Mrs. Rogerson was an aunt of Mr. Miner MacNeil, merchant at Victoria and a great-great grand aunt of Mr. J. W. Morrison, of Hampton.

Relatives and friends of Mr. William W. Lee, Victoria, regret to learn that he is a patient in the P. E. I. Hospital, and are extending best wishes for an early recovery to good health.

Recent reports concerning the illness of Hon. W. P. A. Stewart, at his home at Strathgairney, regrettably indicate that his progress towards an early recovery is not so encouraging as desired.

Mrs. Gordon Villet left on an extended visit to relatives and friends residing at Toronto, on January 6, and will be the guest of her daughter, and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. Don Armstrong.

Mrs. Clayton Morrison and son Howard, were weekend visitors at Tryon, guests of Miss Ruby Howatt, and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Albro Howatt.

Sympathy is being extended to the surviving relatives of the late Mr. Donald MacFadyne, whose death occurred at the P. E. I. Hospital on January 8.

Friends of Mrs. W. A. MacQuarrie will be pleased to learn that her condition of health is gradually improving.

## WEEKLY EDITOR DIES

CHESTERVILLE, Ont. (CP) — George Cook Lacey, 83, for 40 years publisher of the weekly Chesterville Record, died Wednesday night, Jan. 11, at his home. Lacey bought The Record in 1915 and remained its editor until 1955. He continued as publisher until his death.

## RELIGION AND LIFE

By Very Rev. George C. Pidgeon, D.D., LL.D.  
First Moderator of the United Church of Canada

**DEEPER REALITIES OF THE SPIRIT**

Does this very term seem an anomaly: an unregenerate churchman? Yet it was just to this type of churchman that Jesus said: "Un' s a man is born anew he cannot see the Kingdom of God" (John 3:3).

Nicodemus in the familiar story was a teacher of the divine law, and occupied a position of authority in the religious life of his own people. Yet this man, whose moral character commanded respect and respect was shown to teach and rule by those who knew him best, needed an inward change so deep and decisive that it could be compared only to a new birth.

So often people argue this way "at a friend: "Get him interested in the church. He is such a fine fellow, and he would be a source of strength to the church." Their hope is that by getting him interested in the church as an organization he will be initiated into the deeper realities of spiritual experience and led to the Christ who alone can meet 's need.

Sometimes it works. We have known men and women, who had previously thought of the church only as an organization, discover on 'ering into it activities the divine Lord behind them all.

AS A FOIL

But sometimes it doesn't work. Men (take up churchwork as a good thing to do, but never get beyond the outward forms and machinery of an organized body. Then they use their church connection as a foil to ward off those who approach them with a spiritual appeal.

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## IN MEMORIAM

**ANGUS R. MacLEOD**  
The sudden passing of Angus R. MacLeod of Grand Village, on Monday, December 5th, caused a deep sense of loss to members of his family, relatives, and friends. Born at Grand View, seventy years ago, he went to Western Canada in his youth, where he spent several years, later going to Mt. Clemens, Michigan where he remained until 1928. Then he returned to his native province and purchased a sawmill in Bellevue which he operated until shortly before his death. He will be missed by his many friends as he was always cheerful and ready to help in time of need. He was a well-read man, a good conversationalist, and a keen debater. He was regarded as good company by all his friends as he possessed the art of story-telling, was quick with an answer, and had the gift of describing things well.

The funeral which was largely attended was held from his late residence on Thursday afternoon, December 7th. The funeral service was conducted by his pastor Rev. Fred MacKinnon. The hymns sung were "The Lord is My Shepherd," "The Old Rugged Cross," and "Abide with Me."

There are left to mourn his loss, Mrs. Margaret MacLeod, Mrs. R. A. Jenkins (Aunt) Portland, Oregon, and two brothers, Bruce and Whitfield both of Grand View. Four nieces and six nephews also mourn his passing. A sister and two brothers predeceased him.

The pall bearers were R.C. MacDonald, D.H. MacPherson, Allan Finlayson, Francis Connolly, Stanley MacPhee and Max Cooper. Interment was in Orwell Head Cemetery.

The funeral tributes were beautiful, bearing a silent message of esteem.

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Lloyd and Audrey.  
**SPRAY**  
Willard, Phyllis and Sandy, Marguerite and Warren Dawson, Florence, Joan and Gordon, Annie, Cecil and Helen Beck, Jack and Edith Martin, Angus and Florence Bruce, Bernice, Francis Calgary, Alta.

## CARD OF THANKS

The family of the late Angus R. MacLeod wish to thank the Rev. Fred MacKinnon, their neighbours, and friends for their kindness shown and help extended, those who extended messages of sympathy, or in any way expressed their sympathy during their recent sad bereavement.

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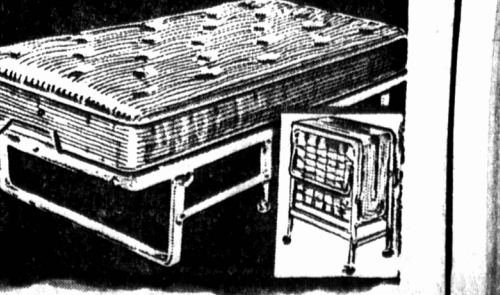
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## WE AND OUR NEIGHBORS

**TEACHER SHORTAGE AND LOVE OF CHILDREN**

At least it is a consolation to know that the teacher shortage is a headache not only on the Island but all over Canada in the U.S. as well. It was interesting to turn from the New York "Times" that devoted columns almost daily to the "Guardian" that did the same.

Others are more qualified to deal intensively with the Teacher shortage on the Island but I would like to touch on one phase of it that came to my attention. Some months ago I had an informal talk with a group of members of a Parent-Teacher association in Charlottetown. Among others I was asked this question:

"Do you believe teachers enter their profession because they love children?" From the wording of the question and the manner of the speaker I felt that an emphatic "No!" was expected from me—and that the questioner agreed with me. But she had evidently often come across those who considered that love of children was the chief motive in the teachers' choice of a profession and that this was enough—or should be compensation enough—for poor pay, etc. Perhaps the questioner thought I could shake this attitude a bit.

I remember I answered by going into my own experience at some length. I stated that as far as I knew from my contacts with hundreds of teachers, in training and practicing teachers, young women (or men) had not "osen teaching primarily because of their love of children. There had been a few individuals, "born teachers" who did seem to be so motivated. And in the other hand, there had been a few who had expressed dislike for "the little monsters". But they soon went into other fields.

Had I been a more clever speaker—or a more cautious one—I could have avoided any personal opinions and countered with the question, "Do young people choose

ing a career love children less now than in years past?" If love of children is the same, why the present teacher shortage? (I might have suggested too that there is no evidence that teachers are wiser or more loving parents than other folks!)

**THEIR OWN ABILITIES**

But really how can we expect that love of children be the main factor in the choice of a profession by such very young women and men? They have but recently joined the company of grown-ups themselves. They are eager to get started on the wholly normal and desirable business of building a home and family of their own. They want to choose training and work that will allow them to do so in the best and shortest way compatible with their abilities and opportunities.

I believe we must be clearer in our minds as to what we can reasonably expect of young teachers. Looking back—many years—I see myself a young teacher, surrounded by several hundreds other young teachers, sitting in a large conference hall listening to some noted educator. "Teachers," he told us, "you are the wonderful opportunity not only to teach our future citizens, the Three R's, Mathematics, Geography (etc.) but to mold character! In your hands lies the future!"

We flinched, sighed wearily, and sent mocking looks across to each other. We had received some training in the skills of teaching "subjects" but who had given us the secret of molding character? We were too inexperienced in life—we young.

The avenues were not so many, so varied in those days. Exceptional women have always had many choices. But most of us were just average with perhaps more scholarly backgrounds and the opportunity for a little more education. That is why most of us chose Teaching. How is it now? What are the inducements?

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