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Vancouver "Ghosts" Nab Traffic Offenders In Safety Campaign.

By Don Matheson Canadian Press Staff Writer

VANCOUVER, (CP)—A sharp decline in traffic accidents has resulted here from a police safety drive. "Ghosts" are giving motorists and pedestrians the jitters.

When the 34th traffic fatality for 1953 was recorded Nov. 16, the 1952 total of traffic deaths was equalled.

Accidents Decrease In two weeks accidents declined 33 per cent, injuries 26 per cent.

Three pedestrians were killed, and another, injured, earlier, died. The traffic fatality figure of 38 remained constant during the first two weeks of December.

"We will use every device and method within the bounds of our imagination and the law to apprehend the charge any individual who risks injury to himself or creates a traffic hazard," said Chief Mulligan announcing the drive.

The city is going along with the chief's methods. There has been no organized protest, although the British Columbia Automobile Association has objected to the use of non-uniformed men and a few letters protesting ghost cars have appeared in the papers.

Civic hospital records back up the campaign. The weekly average of 65 persons treated for emergency traffic injuries has dropped to 25; injuries being treated are less severe than before ghost cars were used.

Donald, Shirley MacEwen, Mary McGee, Velma Myers, Bette Simpson, Shirley Spence, Ireta Stevenson and Bertha Walton.

Regulations are stringently enforced. Speeders, even those moving one mile over the 30-mile-an-hour limit are the main target.

On the first full week-end of the drive, 384 tickets were issued in 60 hours—including 125 for speeding, 45 for jay walking and 203 for offences in automobiles, such as failing to signal a turn.

The "black November" traffic death toll of nine, turned the all-out drive on pedestrian violators.

A "flying squad" of five men at downtown intersections ticketed 107 jay-walkers in 90 minutes the first day they were on duty.

Most charges were for entering intersections against traffic lights. Traffic deaths strike most sharply at the over-60 age group.

Of the 38 deaths in 1953, 25 have been pedestrians, 17 over 60. Of 1952's 34 deaths, 16 of 20 pedestrians killed were over 60.

Chief Mulligan comments: "What astonishes me is the number of elderly people out at night. Two out of three pedestrians injured or killed when struck by autos are breaking some law at the time."

The drive will continue through the Christmas and New Year holidays. The police chief expects to assess the effectiveness of the

campaign after it has been in force for a month.

YORK EVENING AUXILIARY

The regular meeting of the York Evening Auxiliary met Dec 11 at the home of Mrs. Walter Mallett with 16 members in attendance.

The worship was in charge of Mrs. Peter Proud, Mrs. Ira Lewis, Mrs. Roscoe MacDonald and Mrs. Howard Watts. The theme was: "And the Word was made flesh and dwelt among us."

The hymns sung were "Infant Holy, Infant Lowly," "Angels from the Realms of Glory," "While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks By Night" and "Glory be to God the Father."

The nominating committee then presented the slate of officers for 1954 as follows: President, Mrs. Lloyd Vessey; vice-president, Miss Marlene Dixon; 2nd vice-president, Mrs. Allan Swan; recording secretary, Mrs. Walter Mallett; treasurer, Mrs. Raymond Vessey (re-elected); temperance secretary, Mrs. Roscoe MacDonald; friendship secretary, Miss Lillian MacAssey; Christian stewardship, Mrs. Louis Vessey; press secretary, Mrs. Frank Vessey; organist, Mrs. Allan Swan;

corresponding secretary, Mrs. S. art Vessey; literature secretary, Miss Frances Vessey; supply secretary, Mrs. Peter Proud; Es Band leader, Mrs. Clifford Chapman; Mission Band leader, M. Lloyd Vessey.

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MARRIAGE. — Mr. and Mrs. A. O. F. Gill, Charlottetown, P. E. I., announce the marriage of their daughter Crva May to Mr. Frank William Thompson on Friday, the eleventh day of December, nineteen hundred and fifty-three, Central United Chapel, Calgary, Alberta.

PERSONALS The many friends of Mrs. Leonard Bowman of North Wilshire, are sorry to hear of her continued illness and wish her a speedy recovery.

Mr. Howard MacLennan returned home after visiting with his sister in Detroit, Mich., and he also visited in Toronto, Ont., with his cousin, Mrs. Gordon MacLeod.

Mrs. M. A. Bell, Wood Islands, accompanied by her daughter Ann of the Department of Health and Welfare, Charlottetown, arrived home by plane on Friday after spending a pleasant two weeks visiting with relatives and friends in Boston and Cape Cod. While in Boston they were the guests of Mrs. Bell's sister-in-law, Mrs. S. J. Johnson and Mrs. Johnson.

Card Of Thanks The family of the late Mrs. D. C. MacDonald wish to express their sincere thanks to their friends and neighbours who assisted in any way in our recent sad bereavement, and to all those who sent spiritual offerings and flowers. May your kindness be rewarded.

IN MEMORIAM In loving memory of our Grandmother, Mrs. Joseph Stewart, who passed away, December 21st, 1953. Just a tribute of love and remembrance, For a Grandmother who was one of the best, The joys that she missed on life's highway, May she find in God's haven of rest.

Ever Remembered by Les, Vera, Shirley and Walter.

IN MEMORIAM In loving memory of our Father Mr. Chas. Neider who passed away December 11th, 1943, and our Mother, Mrs. Carrie Neider who passed away December 22nd, 1952. "Father, in thy gracious keeping, Leave we now our loved ones sleeping."

Ever Remembered by Elizabeth and Jack.

IN MEMORIAM In loving memory of a dear husband and father, Frederick G. Johnston, Murray River, who was called home on December 26, 1952. Down a road that's calm and peaceful Guided by God's loving hand He has left us on his journey To that bright and glorious land. Beyond the sunset O glad re-union. With our dear loved ones who've gone before. In that fair homeland we'll know no parting, Beyond the sunset for evermore. Lovingly Remembered by Wife and Family.

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CHRISTMAS PARTY — The Friendship Group of the Baptist Church held a Christmas party at the home of Mrs. John McInnis on Tuesday, Dec. 15, when all sat down to a delicious chicken dinner provided by the group members.

The dinner was followed by an evening in social chat and an exchange of gifts. Before the guests departed, a vote of thanks was extended to the hostess for her kind hospitality.

U. C. C. Christmas Concert Program Held

The annual Christmas concert of Union Commercial College was held Friday under the direction of Mr. W. D. Fraser, principal, Mr. Arnold L. Hubley, vice-principal, and Miss Mary MacInnis, a member of the teaching staff.

The first number on the program consisted of a group of songs presented by the U. C. C. Choristers under the direction of Mr. Hubley. The first three selections were "Angels From the Realms of Glory," "Joy To The World" and "Angels We Have Heard On High" followed by an opening address of welcome by Mr. Fraser, and presentation of diplomas and certificates to students in attendance since January, 1953.

The following students received diplomas: Peggy McGee (Honor), Thelma Campbell, Ada Campbell, Joan Gillis, Sadie MacPhail, Phyllis Gallant, Sadie MacFayden, Jean Bell, Velda Martin and Priscilla Griffith. Certificate winners were June Gardiner, Allison Wood and Alma MacKinnon. Awards for scholastic achievement were presented to Peggy McGee, Thelma Campbell and Phyllis Gallant.

The third selection on the program was a group of western songs sung by Miss Pauline McIntyre, a member of the student body. A film was shown to the audience of approximately 175 students, their parents and friends. The film was entitled "U.C.C. and You" and was produced and directed by Mr. W. D. Fraser. It consisted of the student body and staff of 1952-53 and was in color.

The fifth selection was a piano and guitar duet by Misses Shirley MacEwen and Pauline MacInyre. Following this interesting half of the program the audience joined in singing a group of Christmas carols such as "Hark The Herald Angels Sing," "It Came Upon The Midnight, Clear," and others.

Miss Elaine MacEwen followed with two songs entitled "Mocking Bird Hill," "Mansion on the Hill," and "Jambalaya." Once again the Choristers were brought back and rendered "While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks," "Hosanna," "O Come All Ye Faithful," (joined by the audience) and "Silent Night." The presentation of gifts by Santa Claus to all students in attendance at Union Commercial College followed and proved to be one of the main numbers of the program. Mr. Richard Sawler played the part of Santa Claus.

The College was gaily decorated with a large Christmas tree and spruce bows which were provided by Mr. Barry Ings. The members of the Choral Group included: Betty Stevenson, Shirley Spence, Josephine Roberts, Shirley Laidner, Joan Clonohsey, Norma Rayner, Pauline MacIntyre, Bette Simpson, Velma Myers, Mary McAleer, Sadie MacFayden, Thelma Campbell, Peggy McGee, Ireta Stevenson, Eleanor Brown, Joyce Gibbs, Janet Daziel, Mythe LeLacheur, Dorothy Hendricken, Beatrice Bruce, Elaine MacEwen, Shirley MacEwen and Mabel Saunders.

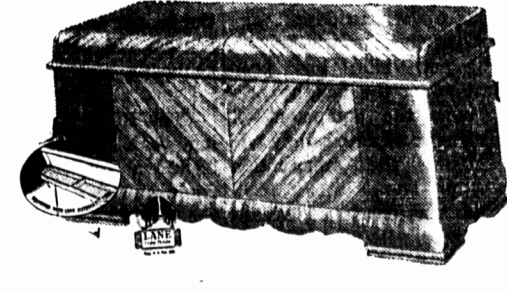
The members of the faculty and student body extended thanks to the following students for their help in decorating the College so beautifully: Mr. Barry Ings, Mr. Richard Sawler, Miss Dorothy Hendricken and Miss Edythe LeLacheur. Miss Roma Korrey accompanied the audience in the many musical selections and Miss Dorothy Hendricken acted as chairman for the evening.

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