

THE ART OF HITCH-HIKING

To me, hitch-hiking provides an adventurous and interesting method of travelling. Although some people are inclined to believe it is undignified, I believe it to be something which gives one a much wider outlook on life by exchanging opinions with different people. You learn to converse with strangers in an interesting way which leads to a happy and wholesome life.

Hitch-hiking is an art, which when applied will undoubtedly obtain beneficial results. When you go on a hitch-hiking trip, wear your Sunday best. A white shirt and tie will get you a drive more quickly than a dirty sweater. A college crest does wonders to the motorist. It will sometimes even lure him into picking you up. Select a suitable position on the highway as your flag station. Near gas stations, traffic signals and railway crossings are excellent positions. It has been said, "Patience is a Virtue". Well, that virtue is necessary in hitch-hiking. Don't race down the road walking if you have to go some distance. Wait for a car. When that car comes along, you have to lure him into stopping in less than a minute. Have a big smile for him and make it look like you have a long way to go and a short time in which to get there.

Here is one experience a friend and I had last summer.

On a sunny Sunday afternoon in July we decided to hitch-hike to Moncton. We selected our Sunday best in clothes and started out. We got a drive from the "corner" to Borden with a very interesting gentleman, who had a leading voice in our government. Although we did not share his political opinions we began talking about the highway problem which confronts the Island. It was a very interesting conversation and my friend and I enjoyed our drive very much. We felt we had accomplished something although we had not persuaded our new friend to change politics.

After crossing on the boat we began our trip to Moncton. We got several short drives, but we were still twenty miles from our destination when it began to rain. There we were. We did not know what to do. Finally, we decided to hitch-hike both ways. We got a drive and arrived in Moncton at a late hour that night. Where is this art I've been talking about? It's very simple. A fine day makes

everyone happy, including the motorist, so he picks up the hitch-hiker. A dull day makes him moody and dissatisfied with the world, so he drives along and stops for nothing.

Hitch-hiking is like everything else. There is a right and a wrong way of doing it. You aren't bothering anyone since the motorist does not have to pick you up. If he does he usually enjoys it very much. So during the next summer take a day off and go hitch-hiking. You will enjoy your day immensely and you will be a happier and wiser person at its end.

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WHY SHOULD WE SUPPORT THE N. F. C. U. S.?

Any movement which has as its aim the furtherance of unity and integration among Canadian students through co-operation and greater understanding, is worthy of consideration in this age of division and misunderstanding. Those who have travelled in the different university communities across Canada or who have had an opportunity to live with students from various sections of the country, are surprised at the barriers which, although superficial, are nevertheless sufficient to be the cause of a great deal of ignorance and lack of true fellowship among Canadian students. Some of these barriers are due to geographic separation, some to language, religion and racial stock, while others are due to varied economic interests of the historical relations of one section of the country with another. The following paragraphs show what the NFCUS has done to overcome these barriers, what it is doing in a more positive way to promote better relations among students and why we should lend our support to its efforts.

UNITY IN UNDERSTANDING AND PURPOSE: The The National Federation of Canadian University Students was organized to foster a solid and lasting unity among Canadian students through integration and promotion of interests in the university community. Not only does it promote the interests of Canadian students generally by acting as a student "trade union," but at international and world conferences of students, the NFCUS is able to present the Canadian opinion in many important matters, such as voicing disapproval of South Africa's racial policy. In international student affairs it is important that Canadians be represented by a valid and representative group such as