

IS YOUR CAR READY FOR WINTER DRIVING?

An Editorial

The Road Report . . . BY ARBA



Is YOUR CAR ready for winter driving or are you "Bumping around like a blind horse in a stump patch"?

This is the down-to-earth language used by one of the nation's leading traffic safety experts to describe those who drive during bad winter weather with defective automobile equipment.

According to statistics, reduced visibility and inadequate traction are the two factors during winter which make extra driving care a necessity for survival.

Drivers who neglect their windshield wipers and are too pre-occupied with daily problems to clear their windshield and windows of snow and ice are strictly "heading for an accident to happen."

Some people spend hundreds of dollars for the best kind of eye glasses and are meticulous about keeping them clean, but will still neglect to check this windshield wipers. When a storm hits — they drive almost blind — and are of course a hazard to themselves as well as everyone else on the highway.

If your wiper blades have become dried out from the summer sun, they should be replaced with live-rubber ones and the spring tension on the wiper arm should be strong enough to hold the blade firmly against the windshield when driving at average speeds.

As far as traction is concerned — drivers in this section of the country should have some type of winter tires on their back wheels at least. We have found out by experience in past winters that it also helps to have polar grip tires on the front wheels as well as the back. This enables you to stop quicker and also helps to keep your car on the road around curves and turns.

Now, the latest aid for winter driving is the introduction of the tungsten studded tires. These have been proven to be much more efficient than regular winter tires — and much more convenient than chains.

How will they last? — And how will they work out for a full winter's driving? Only time will tell, but we put them on our company truck last year — and after 6,000 miles — they still are working good!

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50 YEARS AGO

Dec. 8, 1916

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Mrs. Robert Clarke and Viola of Independence are guests of her mother, Mrs. Geo. Lewis at Duke Center for a couple of weeks.

Mrs. Mary Warfield returned Friday from a two weeks visit in Bradford, Pa.

Paul Diffin of Rochester is the guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Diffin.

Mr. and Mrs. David Hunt returned last Thursday from a two weeks visit with George Kemp at Buffalo.

Misses Jessie and Ruth Bloss were home to pass Thanksgiving with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Bloss.

Mrs. Harriet Burdick, 78, of Elm Valley, died last Friday, Dec. 1st at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Charles Dodge. Interment was in Valley Brook Cemetery.

Miss Osee Isabel Billing and Harold C. Barney were united in marriage Thanksgiving evening, Nov. 29th.

40 YEARS AGO

Nov. 26, 1926

J. H. Backus & Son, Publishers Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Richardson left Wednesday for a few days business trip to Buffalo and Rochester.

Supt. W. F. Snyder and L. M. Trowbridge of the Brown and Bailey Condensed Milk Company were business visitors Monday at Lakewood.

In the Boys' Potato Club, backed by individual members of the Chamber of Commerce, Martin Lynch won First Prize for the best exhibit; Francis McAndrew Second Prize and Howard Brewster, Third Prize.

Mr. and Mrs. James Dagon are the parents of a son, born Wednesday, November 17th.

Paul DeRemer, son of Mr. and Mrs. John DeRemer of Andover, has been admitted to the bar and has opened a law office in Akron, Ohio.

Twenty-five Grange members held a surprise birthday party for Mrs. John Murray at their home Thursday, November 18th.

Miss Alice Rogers and Albert Rogers spent the week-end at the home of Perk Waters in Greenwood.

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Smith and family of Bradford, Pa., were Thanksgiving guests at the home of Mrs. Smith's father, Henry Horan.

30 YEARS AGO

Nov. 27, 1936

J. H. Backus & Son, Publishers Mr. and Mrs. Clair Kunz, daughter, Sarah and son, James of Wilbur, Washington, are visiting this week at the home of her uncle, Frank Mucauley.

Daniel M. Cooper, 3, died Wednesday, November 11, 1936 at his home in Bradford, Pa. Mr. Cooper was a former resident of Andover.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Joyce are the parents of a daughter, Ann Marie, born Friday, Nov. 20th.

Miss Dorothy Taft and Wesley Grossman of Andover were united in marriage Sunday, Nov. 22nd.

Myrtle Preston and Adelbert Gayhart of West Greenwood were united in marriage Wednesday, Nov. 18th at Andover by Rev. E. L. Dronsfield. They were attended by Daniel and Margaret Mullen.

Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Baker observed their Golden Wedding Anniversary at their home in Railroad Valley Monday, Nov. 28th, with Open House. Over 100 callers were registered.

Miss Leah Oakes, a student at Moon's Secretarial School in New York City arrived home Tuesday to spend the Thanksgiving vacation with her mother, Mrs. John Oakes.

Mrs. E. F. Joyce is visiting her sons, Floyd and LaVern Cole in Mansfield, Ohio this week.

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