

ARE YOU AND YOUR CAR READY FOR WINTER DRIVING?

An Editorial

As an aftermath of the many area accidents following our first snowstorm, it behooves all drivers to stop and do a little serious thinking.

What will happen over the forthcoming Thanksgiving and Christmas Holiday Seasons? Will YOU — YOU — YOU — or YOU be one of the casualties?

With our present cold and snappy nights, the "frost is really on the pumpkin" but that isn't the only place it is to be found. You'll find it on auto windshields as well as on the pavements.

Be sure to scrape it off your windshield before starting so that your vision won't be impaired. Then you will be able to see the telltale sparkle on the pavement that warns you to "slow down — and live."

And, after any fall of snow, make sure that you brush or scrape off all of the snow from your rear window — and other windows as well — so that you can see if someone else is coming in order to drive defensively.

Have you had your car all checked over to make sure the heater and defroster system is in good working order? The exhaust system including the muffler not leaking poisonous fumes? All lights working with a spare bulb in the glove compartment or trunk? Good windshield wiper blades that will be able to carry the snow and slush off the windshield — besides the rubber blade being in good shape they need around on ounce of pressure for every inch of blade.

Do you have your winter tires installed yet — at least on your back wheels? In this area especially, everyone should have polar grips or some other regular type of winter tread tires on back at least.

We found out by experience last winter that it also helps a great deal to have polar grip tires on the front wheels as well as on back. This enables you to stop quicker as the weight of the motor on the front wheels gives them more traction and also helps your car stay on the road around curves and turns.

If you plan on doing much driving it would also be a good idea to have a set of reinforced tire chains as well as a bag or pail of sand and shovel in the trunk with perhaps a tow chain or cable for emergency use in your hours or days of need this winter.

Many times a little sand sprinkled in back of, under, and in front of your rear wheels will enable you to get started in a slippery spot without having to put your chains on. Then too the weight of the sand in the trunk gives you more traction on the rear wheels where it is needed to start up with.

If you become stuck in deep snow — a shovel is an invaluable piece of emergency equipment to have with you, and of course a tow chain will enable you to help a fellow motorist out of a bad spot or even have him give you a tow if needed — either if stuck or if your car won't start. Being stalled in a blizzard can be down right dangerous for yourself — especially if it happens to be in the middle of the road during a storm.

Last but not least don't forget the radiator — the car's — not yours we mean. Make sure you have enough anti-freeze in it to keep it from freezing under your particular needs — either a permanent type, or alcohol base will do — if you have a good engine thermostat for the kind that you are using.

As far as your own radiator is concerned — if you are going to do any drinking — do it after your trip — not before. Remember that gasoline and alcohol do not mix — especially for winter driving where one little mis-cue can cause an accident.

Then be prepared to winterize your driving habits too. Reset the alarm clock if necessary to give yourself more time to drive to work or make that trip at reduced speed and with increased caution in difficult weather.

If you take all of these precautions we are sure that you will have a much better chance of surviving the winter's driving — as well as be able to enjoy Thanksgiving and Christmas — and Easter Holidays.



50 YEARS AGO

November 7, 1929
The Rev. John J. Lyons, pastor of Andover, was ordained to the Holy Priesthood, Sunday, November 2, at St. Joseph's Cathedral in Buffalo.

Miss Ella Johnson of Baltimore, Md., is visiting her aunt, Mrs. M. P. Flynn of West Hill.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Baker of Tip Top.

Marjorie and Ralph Williams of Andover, spent Saturday and Sunday with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Lee of Tip Top.

Miss Esther Baker spent Saturday and Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Baker of Tip Top.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Pomeroy left Andover the first of the week for their new home in Port Jarvis.

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