

**Do You Have All Of Your Christmas Shopping Done?**  
An Editorial

Have you gone all the way down thru your shopping list and do you have all of your presents purchased? That's fine, but have you thought about your car?

What kind of a present would your car need? According to a new law that hasn't had much publicity, it just might need some new tires to keep you from getting arrested.

According to a News Release we received recently, The Regulations, as announced by Motor Vehicle Commissioner William S. Hulst, have been drawn up pursuant to a law enacted by the 1963 Legislature, and stipulates that:

1. Tires must be in "safe operating condition." They must have no fabric breaks, or not cut longer than one inch which is deep enough to expose the body cord. They must be free of bumps, bulges, or knots related to separation or failure of the tire structure, and there must be no part of the ply or cord structure exposed.

2. They must BE FREE OF BALD SPOTS IN THE TREAD AREA, provided the bald spots are "of sufficient size to affect the traction and stopping ability of the tire."

3. They must have at least 1/16 of an inch of tread. Measurements may be made by a special gauge, and readings must be taken in a major tread groove of the tire nearest the center, at two points at least 15 inches apart.

Drivers of cars with tires which do not meet these standards are liable to arrest, Commissioner Hulst said. The standards also will be incorporated into the State's Periodic Motor Vehicle Inspection Program.

Exempt from the standards are farm vehicles, self-propelled combines, hay and corn harvesting machines, and tractors used solely for agricultural purposes.

The regulations also permit certain "special mileage commercial tires" which have extra layers of rubber between the tread design and the cord. Such tires must, however, be labeled "Special Mileage Commercial Tires," and meet requirements as to tread depth and general safe condition.

Recapped tires remain legal provided these meet the same new standards of condition. Sale of regrooved tires, except the "special mileage" tires, is forbidden in New York State.

According to Commissioner Hulst, the new regulations were drawn up after a series of meetings and a public hearing to which tire specialists, researchers, and various consumer groups as truckers, auto representatives, and the like were invited.

"We have made every effort," said the Commissioner, "to draw up fair regulations with which we believe the motoring public can live. At the same time, a safety margin is essential to protect the lives of our citizens. We think these regulations are both fair and safety-minded." — 30 —

From our stand point of view—every time a new law is enacted and put into effect—there are a few people who it is aimed directly at, and need something like this to make them drive something that is "safe on the highway."

However, there are also a lot of people, like farmers, and older people, that don't drive their cars any distance at all—and don't drive fast enough to make tires that are almost smooth, dangerous. These are the people that this law is really going to hurt financially!

But — that is neither here, nor there, NOW the law is in effect and will undoubtedly be enforced — so if you don't want to get a ticket for a "New Year's present," it looks as if you may need to get your Car—a "Christmas Present."

**Letter To The Editor**

Attention: Sandy Claws,  
Now we have our end of Main Street overbalanced.

As of now, we have 55 lights on our tree (if you don't believe it, count them,) plus six bells, one star, one can of Frosty Snow, 24 feet of Glittering Tinsel, and One donated sign.

Thinking of John's tree, we think his decorations are very fitting and proper. BUT, the tree in front of the News Office is VERY dimly illuminated with ONLY 25 Lights. It has no bells, no star, no Frosty Snow, no Glittering Tinsel and no donated sign.

We want to express our appreciation to Sandy Claws for the TALLEST, BIGGEST and BEST SHAPED tree in the business district of Main Street.

Sincerely,  
THE HALLOWEEN PRANKSTERS  
P.S. See we DO have the Christmas Spirit, after all.  
Merry Christmas

**Turning Back The Pages of Andover History**  
(Taken from the Files of The Andover News)

**50 YEARS AGO**  
Dec. 19, 1913

J. H. Backus, Publisher  
Ground has been broken for a new residence to be build by Erwin Baker on Greenwood Street. Marsh Burdick, formerly of Andover has sold his property in Saginaw, Mich., and gone to Tillamook, Ore., to locate with his brother, N. L. Burdick.

The firm of Porter & Richardson, local Hardware merchants has been dissolved and the business will be carried on under the name of D. K. Porter & Co.

George Beebe was elected Worthy Master of Andover Masonic Lodge at the regular meeting held Monday night.

Mrs. W. W. Miller of Buffalo is the guest of her sister, Mrs. R. B. Burrows.

Atty. and Mrs. C. L. Earley were week-end guests of relatives and friends in Oramel and Belfast.

Robert L. O'Donnell of Syracuse is visiting his brother, Dr. C. W. O'Donnell.

Franklin Cannon is home from New York City to pass the holidays.

**40 YEARS AGO**  
Dec. 14, 1923

J. H. Backus & Son, Publishers  
Mrs. Erma Laughlen Smith, died at Mountain Clinic in Olean December 7, 1923. Surviving are her husband, her parents and a sister.

Mrs. Flora W. Bess, 63, died Tuesday, December 11. Surviving are a daughter and four brothers.

Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Vars are the parents of a son, born Sunday.

A. O. Kemp motored to Elmira Thursday afternoon to meet his brother, Major Elmer Kemp and wife who are called here by the death of her mother, Mrs. Flora Bess.

**30 YEARS AGO**  
Dec. 15, 1933

J. H. Backus & Son, Publishers  
J. C. Lever, Cashier of the Burrows National Bank was elected President of the Allegany County Bankers Association at their annual meeting held in Belmont Friday night.

Spencer Burrows died at the home of Lawrence Ordway on Davis Hill, Saturday night from a heart attack. Four brothers and four sisters survive.

Earl Dodge was elected Master of Andover Grange for the coming year at its annual meeting held Wednesday night.

Dr. and Mrs. W. L. Greene were in Alfred Tuesday in attendance at the funeral of President Paul Titsworth.

Victor Hoagland and Maynard Scott are the lucky deer hunters from Andover in Pennsylvania forests this year.

Miss Kathryn Gallagher was

home from Depew over the week-end.  
Miss Susan O'Donnell spent the week-end at the home of Mr. and


Mrs. C. W. Jordan of Cuba.  
Miss Elizabeth Owen of North Evans is visiting Miss Mary Snyder.

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