

## PERILS OF WINTER WEATHER!

An Editorial



The Safe Winter Driving League presents the following reminder from the National Safety Council: "Always carry a pair of reinforced tire chains. In deep snow and on ice they help you go and stop more safely." Winter tires aid in mild-to-medium snow, but do not replace need for tire chains in severe snow or ice conditions.

Motorists make more driving blunders in winter than at any other time of the year, according to Professor A. H. Easton, Director, Motor Vehicle Research Laboratory, University of Wisconsin.

"This is because motorists do not adjust to winter's twin accident-producing conditions—reduced visibility and inadequate traction," the nationally known traffic safety expert said.

Six simple recommendations to follow for safer winter driving are:

1. Get the feel of the road by accelerating carefully to see if the wheels spin, then brake to see if they skid. This should be done at low speed and away from other traffic. If the car doesn't respond as expected, reduce driving speed, steer gently and smoothly, use gas and brake pedals sparingly.

2. Increase your following distance. Never tailgate. On clear dry roads a safe following distance is one vehicle length for every 10 miles per hour of speed. On snow-and-ice-covered highways it takes 3 to 12 times as far to stop, so lengthen your following distance accordingly.

3. "Pump" your brakes when you see you have to stop or slow down—don't jam them on. Slamming on the brakes may cause you to lose control. To pump brakes properly, press and release the brake pedal rapidly once or twice a second. This pumping action lets your wheels roll and allows you to maintain steering control. This prevents skids.

4. Have good tires with good treads. Even better are snow tires which provide half again as much pulling power in snow as regular tires.

5. Always carry reinforced tire chains in the trunk of your car and put them on when conditions are severe. These provide four to five times as much traction on snow or ice as regular tires. After putting on tire chains, drive a few blocks to allow them to adjust themselves. Then stop and take up the slack. This assures a snug fit, which is best for maximum performance and maximum mileage. Take time to remove chains when they are no longer needed.

6. Keep your windshield and windows clear at all times. Replace wiper blades that may have been baked dry by summer sun. Tension on blade arms should be at least one ounce for each inch of blade length. See that your windshield washer solution contains anti-freeze.

Wise winter motorists who follow these simple rules, will preserve the traction and visibility needed for safe winter driving.

## BUT PARENTS —

## How About The Safety Of Your Children?

Parents — you may be the safest driver in the country —, but have you given any thought to the dan-

## State Exposition Same Week; Adds Spring Show

The 1965 New York State Exposition at Syracuse will be presented in two sections spring and late summer, it is officially announced by State Agriculture Commissioner Don J. Wickham.

The main section of the Exposition will open August 31 and run day and night through Labor Day, September 6th. These dates correspond with those of recent years the Commissioner said.

Newly added this year is the spring section of the Exposition. It will be devoted exclusively to

the first part of the international horse show. Spring show dates are April 29 to May 2, inclusive, and May 6 to 9, inclusive.

The second part of the horse show is scheduled for presentation during Exposition Week.

State law requires the Commissioner of Agriculture and Markets to announce Exposition dates between Jan. 1 and Feb. 15. Commissioner Wickham said his announcement is being made at this time as a convenience to outdoor show people whose planning sessions with county fairs take place next week-end at the fairs' convention in Syracuse.

gers of winter sports for both the small fry as well as your older children?

Do you allow small children to play outdoors without being supervised? Do you allow the older children to go skating, skiing or sliding down hill alone?

With the type of weather we have been having the last week, do you realize what could happen?

In an area Newspaper this week we read the headline in a news item: "7 year old child falls thru ice and drowns". The child was playing on the ice in a nearby creek or pond! Do we have that danger present here in Andover?

Another danger that we have noticed the last few days: There are many piles of snow along the streets where driveways have been plowed or shoveled out. In several of these big mounds of snow we have seen holes burrowed out as if children have been making snow houses out of them. BUT, with the streets as slippery as they are — what would happen to a small child in one of these snow houses if a car skidded and slid into it? Even if the snow house was out in a backyard—what would happen if an older child jumped on it? More than likely the roof would cave in and the occupant could easily be smothered!

Now how about the older children? Surely they can take care of themselves! But can they if they are alone?

We can think back and remember what happened to a High School Senior in Wayland that was a friend of ours! "Don" loved to ski and if he couldn't find someone to go with him—would go out alone.

One day after school, under present weather conditions, he went skiing—and didn't come home for supper! His mother, a widow who had to work and support the family, became worried and enlisted the help of the neighbors to form a searching party.

Luckily they found Donald before it was too late—for in another few minutes he would have bled to death or else frozen to death. Yes, they found him unconscious—lying where he had fallen when one of his skis had gone thru the deep crust on the snow—with a deep gash from his ankle to his hip—bleeding badly—and also suffering from a broken hip!

Could this tragedy have been avoided? Yes, if someone had prevented him from going skiing when there was a deep crust on the snow.

What was the result of this unfortunate accident? "Don" was laid up for 3 to 4 months in a hospital and at home—and by missing this much school was unable to graduate and had to return the next year. But that was his cross to bear—what about his poor mother? In order to pay for his hospital expenses, expensive operations, and medical care—she ended up having to sell their home and find different living quarters for the family. Was a few minutes worth of sport worth all of this heart-ache for the entire family?

We have often heard the trite expression that "experience is the best teacher"—but we feel that in most cases it is the most expensive! And in many cases the most tragic!

Parents, how much better it would be, to refuse to allow your children to do things that you feel are unsafe — than to have to regret giving them permission to do something that both you, and they, will have to suffer for, the rest of your lives?

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FROM OUR FILES

## 50 YEARS AGO

Jan. 22, 1915

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Miss Ethel Baker of Andover and Clarence Wilbur of Cleveland, Ohio, were married January 14th.

Miss Iva Pomeroy and Floyd Homes were united in marriage Saturday, January 9th.

Mrs. A. A. Porter is closing out her shop in Olean preparatory to removing to Cleveland, Ohio where she will open a ladies furnishing shop.

Mr. and Mrs. Niel Forness are the parents of a son born Saturday.

J. Harvey Backus attended the Western New York Publishers Meeting in Rochester Saturday.

Prin. and Mrs. Sterner were called to Wayland the last of the week by the death of her father. Deputy Sheriff LeRoy Brundage was a business visitor in Greenwood Friday.

## 40 YEARS AGO

Jan. 23, 1925

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John B. Davis, 77, life long resident, died Thursday in the Jones Memorial Hospital. His wife, a brother and three sisters survive.

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Frisbey observed their 67th Wedding Anniversary January 19th.

A company of Andover friends gave Mr. and Mrs. Henry Eggert a surprise visit Friday night in honor of their 30th wedding anniversary.

The ice harvest at the Ponds is in full swing this week.

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Temple were week-end guests in Buffalo.

Mrs. A. W. Robison was a week-end guest of her sister in Warsaw.

## 30 YEARS AGO

Jan. 25, 1935

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Mr. and Mrs. John Dolan are the parents of a son, born Thursday, January 17th.

Atty. C. L. Earley was a business visitor in Buffalo Friday.

Guy S. Wood, George Mingus and Sanford Horton, took in the Auto Show at Buffalo last week.

C. A. Robinson and Emmett Robinson were in Alfred Tuesday in attendance at the Cattle Breeders School, conducted by Prof. Brownell of Cornell.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Hammond son and daughter left Monday for Corning. They will leave there Wednesday for their home in Odebolt, Iowa.

## Sheep Shearers School To Be Held At Alfred

Persons seeking training as sheep shearers as custom operators or for their own flocks will have an opportunity for training on February 18 and 19. The school is being arranged by County Extension Services, Cornell University and Alfred Agricultural & Technical Institute.

The training will be at Alfred and be under the guidance of instructors from Cornell University and the Sunbeam Corporation. Training will be free and limited to 20 participants. Those interested should contact their County Agricultural Agents. In Allegany County contact C. W. Hebblethwaite, Extension Office, Court House, Belmont for full details.

## Justice Dept. Reminds All Aliens To Register

William J. King, District Director of the Immigration and Naturalization Service has again reminded all aliens to report their addresses during January.

Cards with which to make reports are available at post offices and offices of the Immigration and Naturalization Service throughout the country. The reports must be submitted to one of these offices.

Parents or guardians submit reports for alien children under 14 years of age.

Mr. King urges all aliens to report before the end of January, as willful failure to do so may lead to serious penalties.