

Safe-Driving Week December 1 to 7

Demerit Point System Gets Chronic Violators

The drive improvement work of the Ontario Department of Transport will be stepped up beginning February 1st, as the province joins the more than 20 existing jurisdictions with driver demerit point systems in operation.

The system has a graduated process of reminding drivers to drive their best at all times. It is based solely on the record of convictions for driving offences over a two-year period. Points are assessed as conviction information arrives in the Department's recording branch, and the number of points varies with the seriousness of the offence. This has been calculated from studies of Ontario accident experience as well as studies of experience with point systems elsewhere.

Brief Summary
A brief summary of points charged for various offences include:

- 1. Drunk driving, driving while ability impaired, criminal negligence, obtaining a licence by fraud, 12 points.
- 2. Failing to remain at scene of accident, 9 points.
- 3. Careless driving, racing, exceeding speed limit by 30 mph or more, 5 points.
- 4. Exceeding speed limit by more than 10 mph and less than 30, failing to yield right of way, failure to obey stop sign or signal lights, failure to report an accident, 3 points.
- 5. Speeding 10 mph or less over the speed limit and all other moving violations, 2 points.

Three Stages

- 1. When a driver has accumulated six points, he is sent an official warning.
- 2. At nine points he is called in for a personal interview by a trained officer and may be placed on probation or be recommended for licence suspension for a short period.

IGA Staffers Tour Grocery Warehouse

All 16 staff members of Lesjara IGA store "made a day of it" Monday, when the store was closed as usual.

They toured the Oshawa Wholesale warehouse in Toronto and saw the Family Dividend centre. They dined at the Pickfair restaurant on the Lakeshore highway and there were presented with their yearly bonuses.

Vern Barber, director of merchandising for IGA, spoke to them on the origin of IGAs.

The rich soil of Nova Scotia produces Canada's highest yield per acre of many crops.

Two Die, Police Urge Clean Slate for '59

With a nationwide stress on safe driving this week, local O.P.P. officers are joining in the safety campaign and distributing pamphlets to all drivers outlining rules for safe driving.

Corporal R. Mason, head of the local detachment pointed out this week that although there were only two deaths as the result of accidents in Acton last year, a little more effort on the part of all drivers would produce a clean accident free and death free slate in the coming year.

Nine persons were injured as the result of accidents during 1958, reported the local police and urged all drivers to abide by the highway safety rules at all times.

Warn All Drivers To be on Alert

Corporal R. Mason reminds all local drivers that by-law number 945 prohibiting overnight parking on the streets is being enforced by his department.

It was also pointed out that a full staff would be on duty during the holiday season and that charges would be laid against all traffic violators with special attention being directed to any drinking drivers.

It was stressed by the police that no holidays were being taken by the local O.P.P. Detachment in issuing cards to all drivers this week, outlining the highway safety rules.

From coast to coast in Canada, this week is Safe-Driving Week.

The Canadian Highway Safety Conference, sponsoring the campaign nationally, has appealed to every motorist and pedestrian to make a real effort to get through next week without a single accident. A similar appeal has been made by the Governor General and the Prime Minister, as well as the Premier of each province.

George H. Kennedy, chairman of the Conference points out that the responsibility for the prevention of traffic accidents and the resultant toll of death and injury, as well as the multi-million dollar economic loss to the country rests with the individual motorist and pedestrian. Each of us must become keenly aware of the fact that a traffic accident can be prevented only by the individual who drives or walks. He can never leave it with the other fellow. He must do it himself, and until he realizes that fully there can be no significant reduction in highway deaths anywhere.

Local O.P.P. Officers Issue Safety Rules

In marking Safe-Driving Week from December 1 to December 7, the local O.P.P. Detachment is issuing cards to all drivers this week, outlining the highway safety rules.

Police forces, safety organizations, service clubs, women's groups and many other bodies are participating across the nation.



THE LOCAL O.P.P. DETACHMENT comprising three constables and a corporal, are urging all motorists to observe the highway safety rules, as safe-driving week gets under way from December 1 to 7. The four policemen are responsible for law enforcement within the town boundaries but within minutes can spread a call province wide by means of a car to car radio system. Pictured above left to right are Constable M. Harness, Constable B. Buckwald, Corporal R. Mason and Constable B. Morneau. Corporal Mason reported this week the four man force will be on duty throughout the holiday season, cracking down on traffic violators, with a special emphasis on drinking drivers.



ONE MAN DIED as the result of injuries sustained when his car pictured above struck a huge transport truck, this year in Acton. Local police are joining forces with their provincial headquarters this week urging all drivers to observe the highway safety rules. Corporal Mason of the local force pointed out that drivers should use all precautions in the winter time and to keep their cars in excellent mechanical condition at all times. The Acton detachment are striving to have an accident and death free year during 1959.

Accident Increase With Bad Weather

Early darkness and winter conditions place hazardous strains on both drivers and automobiles. Each year as the first snow and cold weather are felt across the country, highway and traffic accidents increase.

Preparations for safe winter driving include:

- (1) Drive more slowly. Speeds allowable under good conditions become excessive on slippery streets.
- (2) Have the mechanical condition of your car checked, particularly brakes, steering mechanism, lights, battery and defroster.
- (3) Give pedestrians time to cross streets safely, winter conditions make walking difficult too.
- (4) If you plan a considerable amount of driving during winter months, have your car equipped with snow tires or chains.
- (5) Check for leakage in your exhaust, muffler or tailpipe. Danger from fatal carbon monoxide fumes is most acute during winter months.
- (6) If your car skids, turn your wheels in the direction of the skid, but do not apply brakes.
- (7) On ice, stop and start gently. Pump your brakes as you stop, start off slowly in second or high gear to obtain extra traction.

Much Mail

OAKVILLE Christmas mail being sent through Oakville post office to Great Britain and Europe is about 40 per cent heavier this year than in other years to date, it is estimated by B. C. Houghton, Oakville postmaster.

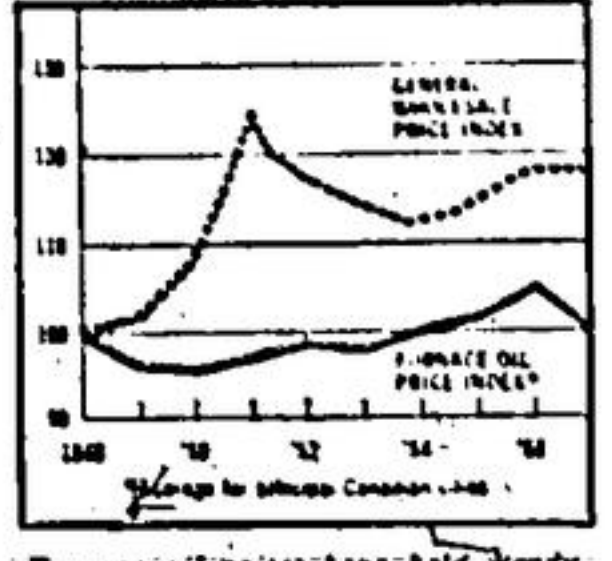
Agriculture employs more than a third of the population of New Brunswick.



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Christmas STORE HOURS

A majority of Acton Merchants have signified their intention, to the Chamber of Commerce, to remain open according to the following schedule:

ALL STORES
WEDNESDAY, DEC. 24 — CHRISTMAS EVE
All Stores Will Close at 7 p.m.

FRIDAY, DEC. 26 — BOXING DAY
All Stores Will be Closed All Day

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 31 — NEW YEAR'S EVE
All Stores Will Close at 6 p.m.

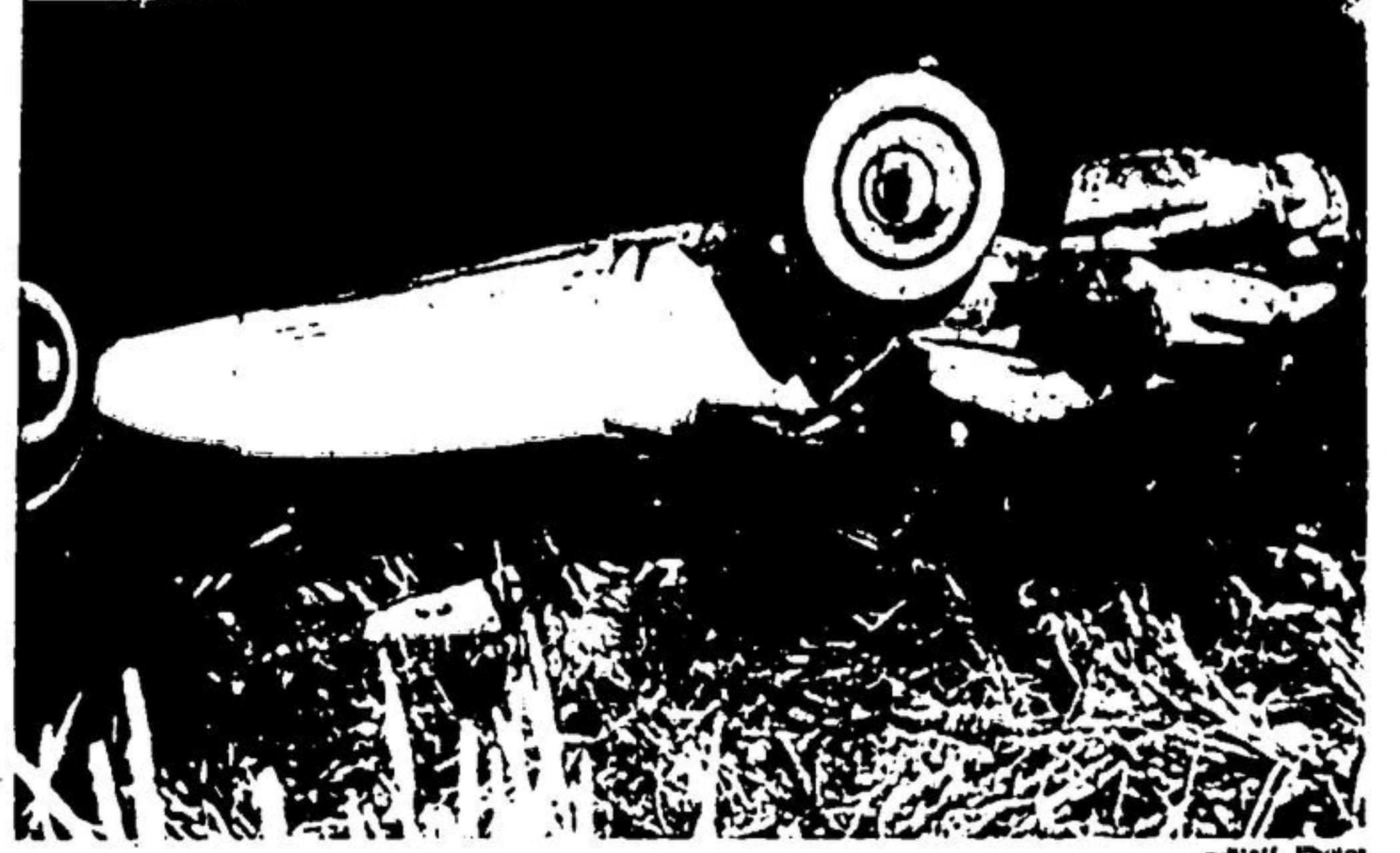
GIFT AND SIMILAR STORES
COMMENCING TUESDAY, DECEMBER 16, AND EVERY DAY THEREAFTER, INCLUDING SATURDAY UNTIL DECEMBER 23RD, ALL STORES IN THIS CATEGORY WILL REMAIN OPEN UNTIL 9 P.M.

FOOD STORES ONLY
FRIDAY AND SATURDAY, DEC. 19 AND 20
Open All Day to 9 p.m.

MONDAY AND TUESDAY, DEC. 22 AND 23
Open All Day to 9 p.m.

OPEN MONDAY, DEC. 29 TO 6 P.M.

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A COMPLETE WRECK but fortunately no lives were lost, when this car went out of control and rolled into the ditch. Police are urging all drivers to slow down and live longer as they stress highway rules this week. With only two fatalities and nine injuries reported locally during 1958, local police are urging everyone to help produce a clean slate for the coming year.

Rules of the Road

Winterize Cars-Habits, Too

- 1. Motorists are advised to winterize their driving habits as well as their automobiles. Hon. M. B. Dymond, Minister of Transport, said today in commenting on the first snowfall of the season.
- 2. When streets and highways are covered with ice and snow, there is no sounder advice than "take it easy," he said. Speed too fast for conditions is the leading cause of accidents at any time of the year, but winter road conditions make excessive speeds particularly hazardous.
- 3. Another dangerous threat to traffic safety is reduced visibility caused by snow, rain or fog, longer hours of darkness, defective car lighting systems, and the dark clothing worn by many pedestrians. Dr. Dymond urged all Ontario drivers to observe the following rules for safe winter driving.
- 4. Think for yourself, and at the same time be on the defensive for possible errors on the part of other drivers.
- 5. On snow and ice, go slow. Even with the limited aid of snow tires, or the considerably greater help of reinforced tire chains, speed must be reduced on slippery road surfaces.
- 6. Lengthen distance between vehicles. When you follow close to the bumper of the car ahead, you are inviting a rear-end collision in case the leading driver stops suddenly.
- 7. Give your signal to turn well in advance, realizing that the following driver back of you need longer distances in which to stop on winter road surfaces.
- 8. When you have to stop, use a light pumping action. Jamming brakes on may lock them and throw your vehicle out of control.
- 9. Maintain windshield wiper arms with adequate tension and have good blades for clear streak-free visibility. You must see where you're going.
- 10. When starting out, get the feel of the road by trying your brakes while driving slowly, away from traffic. As you continue, adjust your speed to changing road, weather and traffic conditions.
- 11. Keep your vehicle in efficient operating condition, paying special attention to vital winter equipment: reinforced tire chains.

To the Electors of
Erin Township:

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN!
ON DECEMBER 8TH, RE-ELECT
HAROLD L. GRIFFIN
REEVE FOR 1959

That he may finish his term on County Road Committee
WISHING YOU ALL, THE COMPLIMENTS OF THE SEASON
POLLS OPEN FROM 9 A.M. — 7 P.M.