



NORTH HALTON REPORT

During the week ending December 11, officers of the Ontario Provincial Police stationed at North Halton Detachment worked a total of 94 1/4 hours and patrolled 8,944 miles on area roads under their jurisdiction. There were 10 drivers summoned to appear in Court for traffic violations and an additional 22 drivers received warnings. 310 convictions were registered in proceedings held in

Milton Provincial Court. There were 34 general occurrences investigated during this reporting period. Included in this number were: 3 thefts, 1 person charged for violating the Liquor Control Act, 1 occurrence of damage to property, 1 assault, 1 vehicle recovered for another Police Department and 2 complaints about trespassers. The remaining occurrences were minor in nature.

INCREASE
Obviously safe driving week has concluded. An increase occurred once again in the number of traffic collisions. Twenty seven vehicles were involved in 20 collisions this week and damage was estimated to total \$18,035.00. In 12 of these collisions the death of one man resulted and 16 people were injured. The remaining collisions caused damage one to property. Eleven charges have been laid against drivers involved in these collisions and more charges are pending. Causes of these collisions have been attributed to: inattentive driving, speed too fast for road or traffic conditions, improper passing and fail to yield.

During the week P.C. J. H. L. Redpath, Accident Prevention Officer from North Halton Detachment spoke to 978 students at Brookville, Stewartown and Mary Hopkins Public Schools and St. Thomas School, Waterdown about safety. Good visibility is an important factor in the proper operation of a motor vehicle. December weather is changing weather and you may find yourself driving in snow, sleet or rain. Lights are required from one-half hour after sunset to one-half hour before sunrise and at any time when visibility prevents you from seeing clearly persons and vehicles at least 500 feet away. Be a wise driver. In daylight hours when visibility is poor always turn on your headlights. Remember — You can not avoid an accident if you can not see the hazards. How many thoughtless drivers did you see this past week driving in the heavy fog without headlights during daylight. It was much easier to see the cars that had their headlights on even though it didn't necessarily help the drivers of these cars to see. Do not be a moving hazard — do not hesitate to use your headlights — see and be seen.

Sno-mo Club Get Care Tips

The second meeting of the Halton 4-H Snowmobile Club was held on Wednesday, December 8th at Shell Service Station, Norval where leader Keith Ella welcomed the group. Other leaders are Bill Wilson and Russell Murray of Country Mart, Acton.

Skiroule, Skidoo Moto Ski and Snow Cruiser Snowmobiles were on display and got a thorough inspection by the 20 enthusiastic members. Divided into groups, each with a leader, the members received instruction on the general maintenance of the various models. This was followed by a quiz on the evening's lesson.

It was learned that a vehicle travelling at 30 m.p.h. with air temperature at 0 degrees Fah. created a wind chill factor of -49 degrees Fah.

Attendance was taken with all members answering the roll call. The boys were on the majority with only two young ladies in the group.

Later all enjoyed donuts and coffee. A vote of thanks was extended to the hosts, Mr. and Mrs. Ella by president Paul Stewart. Next meeting to be held January 12th at Gord's Gulf Station, Ashgrove, dealer in Snow Prince Snowmobiles. Members felt the evening had been interesting and very helpful.

In learning about the care of a snowmobile and safety measures necessary for a new and exciting winter sport — snowmobiling.

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AND OUT ON THE STREET
NOT A DRIVER'D BEEN DRINKING,
IT SEEMS THAT THEY'D ALL
BEEN DOING SOME THINKING.

TO DRINK AND TO DRIVE
ON THIS DAY OR ANY
WOULD ENDANGER THEIR LIVES,
INDEED THAT OF MANY.

SO THEY WALKED, WENT BY CAB,
OR JUST STAYED AT HOME
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WITH NO CHILDREN ALONE.

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The most beloved of all the Christmas greens, of course, is the Christmas tree. There are many stories and legends connected with its origin. The Germans are probably the first nation to have made the tree the center of the Christmas celebration. We are told that Martin Luther was first to bring a fir tree into the house and set lighted tapers on it for his children.

In America, as soon as the Christmas trees come on the market, greens for decorating can be bought from the same merchants who sell the trees. Laurel strung in ropes is a favorite for outdoor decorating. Holly is another favorite. Aside from these there are fir and pine boughs, mistletoe, eucalyptus, cedar boxwood and cones from the pines.

Each home decorator has his own special way of using the greens to best advantage. A clever decorator makes use of greens cut from the garden or from a too high Christmas tree.

Remember Unsung Heroes When Christmas Comes

Regarding gifts to mailmen, paper boys, dry-cleaning men and other faithful service people who come to your house:

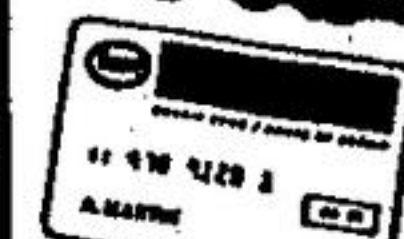
There are plenty of answers to this — each person does what he sees fit, from nothing at all to fairly lavish gifts. It is nice to remember faithful service people at Christmas but let it be of your own volition. There are always reports of "shake-down" gifts so don't let yourself be victimized.

Anyone appreciates a little extra cash, in crisp new bills in a card so it takes on the gift, rather than grudging tip category. A couple of dollars to five dollars, depending on the number of people involved and your budget give you some leeway.

If there are these whom you think money would be inappropriate gift, think in terms of Christmas cookies or candy, something the family would enjoy.

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