

'More to safety than headlights'

To the editor of The Herald:

Your article "Drive slowly, use low beams" (Nov. 27) appears to me to be an example of bad journalism. I understand that a headline should be explained by the

article which follows it.

Your article points out some interesting statistics in the use of headlights to reduce accidents, but gives no information at all on the use of correct speed control techniques.

"Drive slowly" is not explained in your article. Perhaps your source for the article (Young Drivers of Canada) failed to supply the information.

To help put the record straight I would appreciate

your publishing the following additional information:

1) The Canada Safety Council points out that the pedestrian struck by a motor vehicle is seldom the one you see but the one you don't see.

2) Pedestrians struck at 10 mph are just as likely to be killed as at 50 mph.

3) The bizarre suggestion that all pedestrians wear high headgear (not part of the YDC article) with flashing red, amber and white lights at the top is not likely to meet with public acceptance nor would it have a substantial effect on reducing accidents while motorists and cyclists drive too fast.

4) The question must be raised, how fast is too fast, how slow is too slow, and what is the correct driving speed?

5) Too fast is any speed at which a vehicle cannot be brought to a smooth stop in the assured clear distance ahead. Too slow is a speed at which traffic is unreasonably impeded and at which the right foot must be kept on the accelerator to keep the vehicle moving.

Correct driving speed for any traffic situation is that speed at which the vehicle can be brought to a smooth stop for any unexpected event while maintaining sufficient momentum to carry the vehicle into

doubtful areas while holding the right foot above the brake.

The practice of driving with low beams on in daytime does have some useful effect in reducing accidents, but this must be practised consistently, not only during safe driving week. The consistent practice of effective speed control all year round is a greater need.

Training in these techniques should be provided to all new drivers and to all drivers involved in accidents regardless of blame. This would indeed be the best way to honour safe driving week. Young Drivers of Canada probably offers such training. The professional driving schools in Georgetown do for sure.

Yours truly,
Jack Beer,
McIntyre Crescent,
Georgetown.

Lots of kids out to greet Acton's Santa

To The Editor of The Herald: I would like to take this opportunity to say "Thank You" to everyone who helped organize and put on the 1981 Acton Santa Claus Parade:

Acton Y's Men organized the Parade, Fireman Marshallled the Parade, B.I.A., Acton Y's Men, Acton Y's Menettes, Ladies Legion Auxiliary and Scout and Guide mothers were financial supporters, Halton Regional Police provided traffic control, plus the groups who

entered floats, all those people who marched or were on floats including the groups that came from Georgetown and of course Ron Douglas (Santa) and Bert Robertson, Santa's driver.

Santa Claus Parades are for the children and I think our parade showed this by the amount of children in and watching the parade.

The date for next year's parade will be the last Saturday in November, 1982.

Bev Jones
Chairman,
Acton Santa Claus Parade '81.

Letters to the Editor

Children don't always obey, parent advises motorists

To the editor of The Herald: Re: Letter to Editor, Taylor Morey, Acton, Nov. 18, 1981. Dear Sir,

I am a resident of John Street. My four-year old daughter was one of those "Careless Children with no apparent regard for traffic" who was struck down by a car. In her case no one was to blame, but for a child caught

up in the carefree world of play.

It remains the responsibility of all drivers to compensate for the thoughtlessness of children with extra caution. Speed limits are set as a maximum, only applicable when conditions are perfect. When children are present commonsense should prevail, thereby, reducing

the speed of traffic.

As a parent I have made every effort to caution my children as to the inherent dangers of automobiles. However, as any parent knows, children do not always do as they are instructed.

My main concern lies in the fact that the general speed of traffic on both John

and Mountainview Streets is usually far in excess of the speed limit.

Children should not be subjected to the extra dangers associated with the thoughtless use of motor vehicles as demonstrated by some adults. PLEASE, DRIVE CAREFULLY!

Yours truly,
Gary Hunt,

Nassagaweya thank you

To the editor of The Herald:

Thank you sincerely for the marvellous support given to our Country Craft Festival held Nov. 21. Despite a threatening weather "cold front", it was a very successful day.

Evolving out of this day, a series of interesting craft courses are planned for 1982 in Nassagaweya.

Once again, thank you,

Yours very truly,
Elizabeth Adamlak,
President,
Nassagaweya Country Craft Guild.

Anniversary correction

A story in last Wednesday's Herald about Leendert and Willemje Bydevaate's 50th wedding anniversary inadvertently switched Mr. Bydevaate's name with his wife's maiden name, Goedeburre. The Herald regrets the error. The couple wish to thank everyone who visited them Nov. 21, bringing much pleasure by their presence.



VANDALS' ACTION THREAT TO TRAFFIC

Potentially dangerous as the situation was, downed signs along the Ninth Line between the Credit Valley Conservation Authority's education center and the road's intersection with the Ballinlad Sideroad were quickly straightened by the town's public works crews Thursday morning. Both stop signs at the intersection were pulled down, presumably by vandals, as well as other road signs like the hill warning just outside the education center where the road dips and climbs through the Niagara Escarpment.

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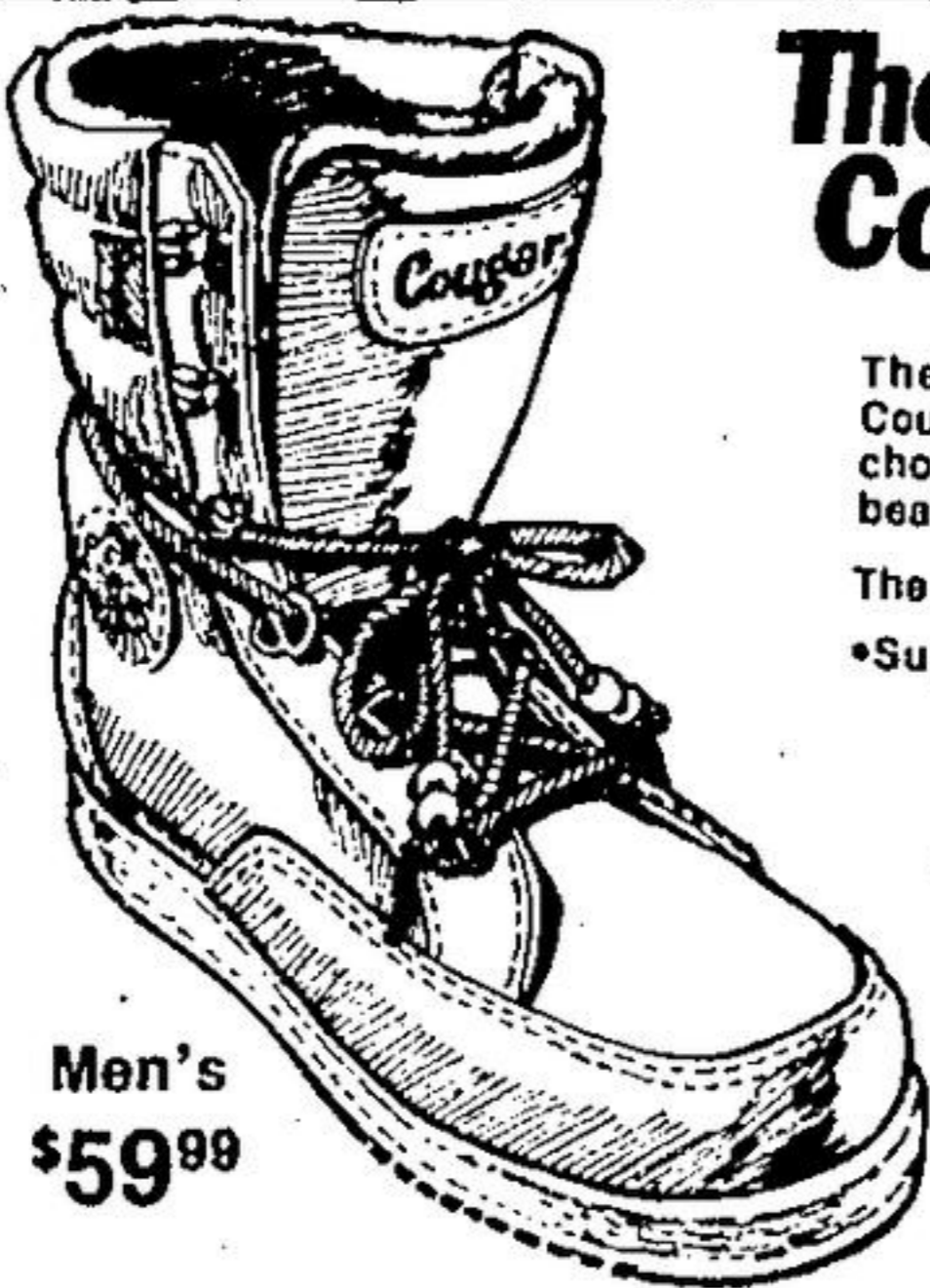
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