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WATCH OUT FOR THIS . . . A four-way stop is in effect at the intersection of Base Line and Trafalgar Road, Hornby, where the new Hornby diversion road curves north-westerly from the intersection. Flashing red stop signs (top) have been placed on the Base Line to alert motorists to the change in regulations. (Staff Photo)

GOT A PROBLEM?

SAFETY CORNER

GETS ACTION AND ANSWERS

If you're looking for Safety Corner to lambaste someone this week, we're sorry to disappoint you. We've nothing but plaudits today.

First, we'd like to express our appreciation to the Halton County Roads Department for putting the flashing red stop lights on the base Line at Trafalgar Road intersection. When it was announced this corner was to become a four-way stop last week, there were a lot of fears expressed about the many regular Base Line motorists who might not realize the stop signs were there until they were into the intersection.

The illuminated flashing stop signs should be a real help, and should prevent a lot of accidents. We hope they're permanent installations.

Meanwhile, motorists are reminded this Base Line and Trafalgar Road corner will remain a four-way stop for about six months, then north-south traffic will get a through street right-of-way.

Second plaudit goes to the jurors at the Robert Thomas Knott inquest, who came up with some well thought out recommendations for what is turning out to be a dangerous corner—Main and Ontario Sts. at Milton's east end.

Safety Corner is anxiously awaiting the flashing stop sign they recommended for "immediate" installation. The remainder of their ideas for safer motoring made a lot of sense too—see separate story elsewhere in The Champion.

Our third thank-you of the week goes out to the owners of Milton Plaza for widening and repaving the entrance to the plaza from Main St. E. If you've been shying away from this northern entrance to the plaza lot, go by that way some day and see what a great improvement has been made.

We'd like to think our article a few weeks ago about the dangers of the entranceway prompted the management to do something about it. We're glad they did.

On the lighter side, non-users of car seat belts might be interested to hear about the novel seat belt campaign in Australia, where wives are given an "affidavit" to sign. This affidavit authorizes the husband to drive without using his seat belt, and his wife promises if he is crippled or blinded to:

Help him dress. Lead him everywhere. Read to him. Describe the scenery and the children's expressions to him. Do all the work around the yard. Teach their son to play ball and build model aircraft. Teach him to do the housework so she can go out and get a job to support them all.

Do you get the point???

STARTING — That's Most Frequent Cold Weather Motoring Problem

Next to the common cold, automobile starting trouble is the most frequent winter-time misery.

According to Champion Spark Plug Company, more than one out of every four motorists will have starting trouble this winter. Of those who have trouble, three out of every five will experience it more than once.

That starting trouble is truly the No. 1 motoring ill is demonstrated by latest American Automobile Association figures. AAA reported that 30,000,000 U.S. motorists called for starting assistance in 1967. That was a 20 percent increase over the previous year's total.

In fact, the AAA said, 43 percent of all road service calls resulted from starting failure. This percentage was more than double the rate of flat tires and almost triple the incidence of motorists stuck in snow or mud.

George M. Galster, manager of Champion's automotive technical services department, says that lack of engine and ignition system maintenance is the primary cause of starting troubles.

Galster quoted a survey conducted by the Missouri Auto Club in St. Louis. The auto club studied tests on more than 1,600 cars run through its diagnostic center, Galster said. Ignition defects were the most frequently found faults with an average of .94 defects per car tested.

Effects of engine condition on starting were shown in a five-year, 50,000 car study of hard starting conducted by Champion. This year figures revealed that 27% of the nation's motorists experienced starting trouble.

Maintenance, rather than severity of weather, is the key to wintertime starting, Galster reported.

The Champion study found that where engine maintenance was neglected incidence of starting problems was high. Conversely, where maintenance was practiced, the starting trouble rate was low.

In the Province of Quebec with severe winters, only 19.5 percent of motorists contacted reported starting problems. Rate of pre-winter tune-up purchases was 43 percent. Both figures were the best in North America.

Yet in the Province of British Columbia with mild but wet winters, rate of starting trouble was 32.2 percent and rate of tune-up purchase was only 26.8 percent.

Quebec's starting experience was better than any U.S. area including the Southern States and the West Coast. Rate of starting failure and tune-up purchase were:

Region	Trouble Starting %	Purchase Tune-Up %
New England	22.3	31.9
Middle Atlantic (N.Y., Pa., N.J., Del.)	21.1	28.7
South Atlantic	21.0	19.9
E. North Central (Ohio, Mich., Ind., Ill., Wisconsin)	21.0	29.1
E. South Central (Ky., Tenn., Miss., Ala.)	23.4	19.4
W. North Central (Minn., The Dakotas, Mo., Iowa, Kans., Neb.)	26.1	24.7
W. South Central	23.0	18.7

Region	Trouble Starting %	Purchase Tune-Up %
(La., Tex., Okla.)	26.0	20.0
Mountain States	25.0	21.3
Pacific States	25.2	24.7
Maritimes	22.7	31.9
Quebec	19.5	43.0
Ontario	24.3	33.3
Prairies	33.4	31.3
Br. Columbia	32.2	26.8
Canada Aver.	25.8	34.2

"It is obvious," Galster remarked, "that motorists who

live in warm weather areas don't feel they need tune-ups. Yet the fact that they have as much starting trouble as their cold climate neighbors shows they are mistaken."

Galster remarked that while no one has come up with a cure for our leading winter problem—the cold—there is a cure for the No. 2 ailment. Tune-ups do help eliminate "can't starts."

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