

Safety Corner

By Roy Downs

Are you a safe driver? See how you do on this little 12-question quiz. Answers are below.

1. The number of licensed Canadian drivers involved in collisions or violations of the law every year amounts to (a) one out of 500 (5) one out of 50 (c) one out of five.
2. The percentage of Canadians killed in traffic accidents while they were impaired by alcohol is approximately (a) 10 per cent (b) 40 per cent (c) 90 per cent.
3. If all vehicle occupants wore seat belts alone, traffic deaths would be reduced by (a) 10 per cent (b) 85 per cent (c) 40 per cent.
4. Compared to the daytime figure, the night time traffic fatality rate per vehicle miles travelled is (a) the same (b) one-half (c) twice as high.
5. Impairment by alcohol is a serious problem affecting drivers but is only a minor factor in pedestrian fatalities. True or False?
6. Safety belts should be buckled up (a) during long trips (b) for high-speed highway travel (c) all the time.
7. After a collision, the greatest single cause of traffic deaths is (a) ejection from the vehicle (b) collision with the windshield (c) collision with the steering column.
8. Before driving after moderate drinking, the defensive driver allows how much time for each 1½-ounce drink or 12-ounce bottle of beer? (a) 30 minutes (b) 15 minutes (c) one hour.
9. There is a reported traffic property damage accident in Canada on an average of every (a) hour (b) minute (c) second.
10. Pedestrians are the victims in what percentage of all traffic accidents? (a) 50 per cent (b) 10 per cent (c) 25 per cent.
11. Young people in the 15-24 age bracket make up what fraction of all traffic fatalities? (a) one-sixth (b) one-quarter (c) one-third.
12. The total economic loss to Canada from traffic accidents is approximately (a) \$10,000,000 (b) \$100,000,000 (c) \$1,000,000,000.

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How well do you know your laws? Here are some samples of Criminal Code of Canada laws which are not familiar to many people, yet may affect your day-to-day life.

You may think it's funny to make harassing telephone calls to some unsuspecting person. Actually, it's a very serious matter and you can be charged under Section 330 (1) of the Criminal Code.

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Did you know it is against the law to refuse to assist a peace officer to arrest a person, if requested to do so? Section 118 (b) of the Criminal Code of Canada says everyone who omits, without reasonable excuse, to assist a public officer or peace officer in the execution of his duty in arresting a person or in preserving the peace, after having reasonable notice that he is required to do so, is guilty of an indictable offence and is liable to imprisonment for two years.

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Sureties to keep the peace are covered in Section 745 (1) of the Criminal Code. "Any person who fears that another person will cause personal injury to him or his wife or child or will damage his property may lay an information before a Justice of the Peace. If the Justice considers there is grounds for this fear, he may cause accused to post a bond for one year. If he breaks the bond, he can be committed to prison for one year."

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Did you know you can cause a disturbance in any one of several ways? According to Section 171 of the Criminal Code, you cause a disturbance in or near a public place by fighting, screaming, shouting, swearing, singing, using insulting or obscene language, by being drunk, impeding or molesting other people, loitering in a public place or in any way obstructing persons who are there, discharging firearms or other disorderly conduct.

Our thanks to Safety Officer Const. Ronald Oswald of Milton Police for this information.

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Another snowmobile season is upon us and Snowmobile Safety Week is this week, Dec. 10 to 16. According to Ontario Safety League, the first fatalities recorded this season had an all-too-familiar ring—snowmobiles collided with motor vehicles.

There are encouraging indications that snowmobilers are beginning to realize the potential hazards of these powerful, little fun-machines. During the 1968-69 Ontario snowmobile season when less than 100,000 machines were in use, there were 30 fatal accidents. Three years later, in the 1971-72 season, when nearly a quarter of a million snowmobiles were in operation in Ontario, the same number (30) fatal snowmobile accidents occurred.

Why is the fatality rate improving in this ever-growing sport of snowmobiling? The Ontario Safety League claims that the snowmobile industry and snowmobilers, themselves, have been largely responsible for this better safety record in Ontario. The snowmobile manufacturers and distributors formed the Ontario Snowmobile Distributors Association three years ago expressly for the purpose of promoting snowmobile safety. Their objectives have been carried out honestly and with commendable activity. Snowmobilers have formed hundreds of clubs in communities all across the province for the purpose of controlling snowmobile use, training operators and presenting a good image to the public.

Congratulations! Snowmobiling is beginning to show signs of maturity.

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Safety Corner has a letter from a concerned reader who feels, for the sake of the children, a stop light is necessary at the corner of Pine St. and Ontario St. — the southern entrance to Milton Plaza. "Parents send their small children on errands after school and it is terribly busy there at supper time. I have seen many small children trying to cross and cars having to slam on their brakes to keep from hitting them," she said.

"One small girl was hit on her bicycle and she could have been killed. Maybe that is the only way we'll get protection for the pedestrians at that corner."

"Why will the authorities not listen to the urgings of we the people, who see the needs of their community before tragedies happen? When the senior citizens' homes are built at this corner we will really need lights."

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Here's a tip for Christmas shoppers—keep your car locked and prevent thefts.

ANSWERS:

1. (c); 2. (b); 3. (c); 4. (c); 5. False; 6. (c); 7. (a); 8. (c); 9. (b); 10. (c); 11. (c); 12. (c).

OUR READERS WRITE:

NEW YEAR'S EVE DRINKING ENCROACHES ON LORD'S DAY

Dear Sirs;

Mr. John Clement, minister of consumer and commercial relations, recently announced in the legislature that regulations will be amended to permit taverns and other licensed establishments to open Sunday, Dec. 31 from 6 p.m. to 1 a.m., and a lengthier period of business for dining room lounges and licensed dining rooms to serve alcoholic beverages the same day.

The Lord's Day Act implies there should be no work on Sunday except it be a work of necessity or mercy. One questions whether the Government of Ontario is contravening the Act.

It seems to me the government is bent on making alcohol more easily obtained and for lengthier hours.

On the one hand authorities admit alcohol is the nation's number one drug problem.

On the other hand our government not too long ago permitted the brewing industry to service beaches and summer resort areas, opened additional facilities for selling alcoholic beverages, and lowered the drinking age from 21 to 18. This seems like a strange way to combat a serious social evil.

A ban should be placed on advertising using lovely looking youth with alcoholic beverages and a realistic, substitute picture of the drunk, those whose mental capabilities have been damaged by alcohol,

the broken homes, the bereaved who are victims of alcohol, given instead.

This latest move relating to the opening of taverns on Sunday is a further encroachment on the Lord's Day and should not be permitted.

Concerned persons should write their member of the Legislative Assembly at Queen's Park, Toronto, write Premier William Davis, and also the editor of your newspaper. Readers are further encouraged to get church ministers and congregations to send in a petition opposing this recent unnecessary legislation.

Do it now. To delay is to decide.

Ivan McNeilly, Major,
The Salvation Army,
172 Waterloo Avenue,
Guelph, Ontario.

DOG KILLED ON ROAD COULD HAVE BEEN CHILD

Dear Sir:

I hope the person or persons who hit and killed a dog on Britannia Rd. near Boyne corner on Tuesday, Dec. 5 will never forget hitting and leaving it on the road for other drivers to run over.

I am aware it was foggy that evening. But they might have hit a child and driven away, leaving it to suffer. Do you suppose they ate a good supper slept well that night, knowing what they did to a living creature who was likely someone's best friend?

I feel sorry for you, buddy.

Disgusted.



PEEKING INTO MILTON'S PAST. . . . St. Paul's United Church junior choir was photographed by local photographer Ross Pearen in 1946. In the front row are the minister Rev. Gordon Porter, choir "mother" Miss Norris and choir leader the Rev. A. Pudwell. Second row, Yvonne Cooper, Bonnie Berry, Anne Picket, June Mountain, Alice Anne Tight, Isobel Wilson, Marjorie McArthur, Marilyn Fay, Jeannette Foster, Sylvia Stevenson, Third row, Blanche Picket, Sheila Porter, Laurie Stevenson, Dorothy Wood, Ruth Lawson, Pam Hord. Top row, Bob Foster, Wayne Hilson, Roy Downs, ? Pudwell and David Pudwell. The photo was loaned by Mrs. Marilyn (Fay) McCullough of Orlando, Florida.

TOYS AND REINDEER

On the night before Christmas, according to tradition, Santa Claus and his sleighful of toys are swirled through the air by eight reindeer who answer to such spirited names as Dasher, Dancer, Prancer, Vixen, Comet, Cupid, Donder, and Blitzen.

A THOUGHT

Except for Christmas, December would be the dreariest month of the year, with the days getting shorter and blacker, and the nights colder and bleaker. Without Christmas, something like it would have to be invented.

MANY THINGS

Christmas is a Holy Day, a day of Grace and gratitude. Most of all, it means joy and hope for the world. Beyond the fun and festivities, there is the spirit of faith in the goodness and good will of people everywhere.

Girl in hospital after accident

A young pedestrian was taken to Milton District Hospital Saturday after being involved in a car mishap at Main and Court Sts., according to Milton Police.

Hospital officials said Sharron Gray, of 12 Prince St. Milton, was under observation and would be in hospital for a few days.

Driver of the car involved was Stanley Knowles of 87 Martin St.

Driver hurt

Police also report a second accident over the weekend involving injuries to one of the drivers involved.

Larry Nickle of R.R. 1 Milton was treated for minor injuries at

MDH after he was involved in a two car collision on Martin St., Sunday. Driver of the second car involved was John Thomson of

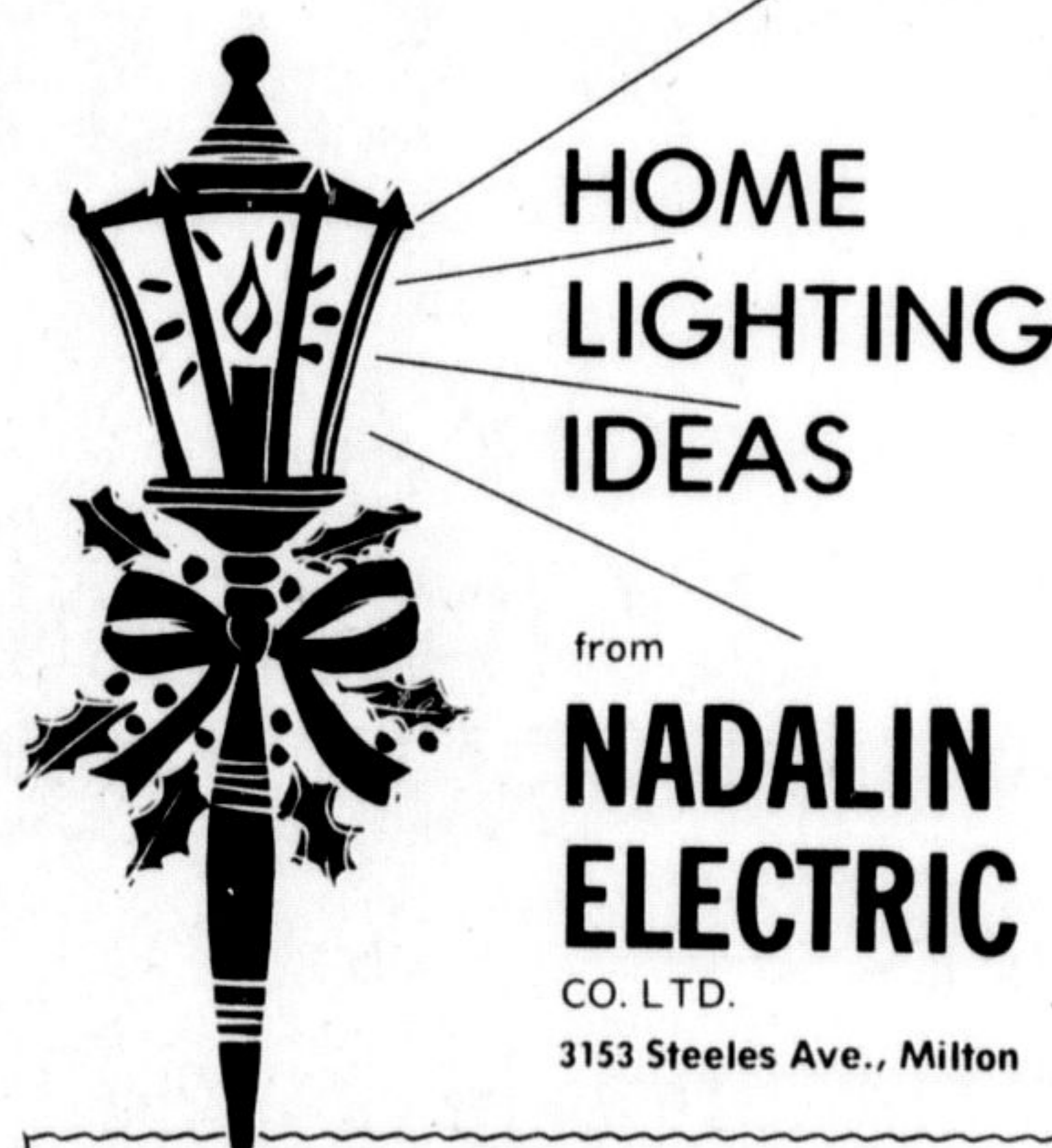
CENTREPIECE

For a dramatic and timely holiday centrepiece arrange several cut poinsettia blooms with greens in a shallow bowl. Another decorative touch may be applied by ringing the bases of Christmas candles with holly and greens. If you are having a special holiday meal, place a wreath on the back of each chair with place cards attached to the top of the wreaths.

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Jim Watson



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