

THIS CROSSWALK on Ontario St. near OSD is unsafe, a reader suggests, as there is not sufficient advance warning that a crosswalk is ahead. In this week's safety corner the reader suggests more signs are necessary to warn motorists they are approaching a crosswalk. (Photo by R. Downs)

**Safety Corner**

Children using the crosswalk on Ontario St. at Ontario School for the Deaf are taking a big chance, a reader suggested this week. The reader felt there should be a crosswalk warning sign on each side of the busy crosswalk, because many motorists are breezing right through the area without even realizing it is there.

People driving that way for the first time are more than likely to miss it, this reader felt, and she was worried for the safety of the children from OSD who use it regularly.

There are signs quite a distance from the crosswalk that say "School for deaf children ahead" and about 30 feet before the crosswalk there are signs that warn "No passing here to crossing". (The "No passing" sign is too close to the crosswalk to do much good, she felt.) The final sign is right at the crosswalk and it says "Pedestrian crosswalk—stop for pedestrians." The walk is also marked by an overhead, illuminated sign with the word "Cross X Walk".

The reader feels there should be large signs both south and north of the crosswalk, warning there is a pedestrian crosswalk ahead. Motorists travelling north don't obey the 30 mph limit, she said, and many are doing about 50 mph when they suddenly find themselves right at the crosswalk.

She said the police do keep an eye on traffic in that area but the traffic is usually travelling pretty fast when they aren't around.

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If you're driving on Derry Rd. west of Milton, keep an eye out for gravel trucks.

That road is heavily travelled by trucks from area pits and a reader complained this week that many of the truckers are travelling well beyond the safe speed limits. The reader was especially concerned that a truck will come flying over a knoll some day and ram into a stopped school bus or some children entering or leaving a school bus.

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School's in again and unfortunately, many of the children have forgotten their safety rules over the long summer recess. Others are attending school for the first time and have not yet had a lecture from teachers or visiting police safety officers on the rights and wrongs of walking in traffic.

Therefore it's up to the motorists to keep an eye out, on their behalf. The best rule, when driving on a street where children are walking to and from school, is to "expect the unexpected." Be prepared for an accident, and you won't have one.

It doesn't matter who's at fault in an accident—if your car strikes a child who forgot (or didn't know) their safety rules, you'll have to shoulder part of the blame for the rest of your life.

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Students are reminded that a bicycle is a vehicle and is subject to the Highway Traffic Act, provincial rules of the road and local by-laws.

To meet the standards of the law, a bicycle must have a bell or horn in good working condition. If it is used between dusk and dawn, it must have a white light in front, and red light or reflector at the rear. Reflective tape must also be applied—white on the front forks and red on the rear fender.

**SAFETY TIPS FOR BICYCLE DRIVERS**

1. Keep control, don't weave or stunt.
2. Drive on the right near the curb.
3. Check for traffic before making left turns.
4. Make right turns near the curb.
5. Dismount and walk across busy streets and intersections.
6. Give proper hand signals.
7. Never more than one on a bike.

**Ottawa Report**

by

Terry O'Connor — Halton MP



To paraphrase an old saying, the wheels of government grind ever so slow, or is it 'slowly'. Anyway, here is a small matter that illustrates this point which I and a couple of other Members of Parliament have been chipping away at over the past year.

In October of last year, Canada made an agreement with Italy to exchange aircraft landing rights in our two countries, specifically Milan, and Montreal and Toronto, and Alitalia, the Italian National Airline shortly thereafter commenced a regular 747 Jumbo service between the three cities. Jean Marchand, our Minister of Transport, said in November that the reciprocal route would be awarded to one of our international airlines (Air Canada or CP Air) before the end of the year (1972).

Then things began not to happen. The end of the year passed with but an ominous silence emanating from the Minister's office.

"Soon"

On Jan. 15, I asked Mr. Marchand in the House of Commons when an announcement might be made. "I hope that we will be in a position to announce that soon" (276). (All quotes are from Hansard with page number indicated).

On Feb. 15, I again raised the matter with the Minister. "As far as Milan is concerned, this has not been attributed yet to a Canadian carrier but it will be eventually", he replied (1315). Oh, ho—"Soon" has now become "eventually".

However, the patience of Opposition Members must be formidable even if that of the public is not. On Feb. 22, I again pressed the matter. "I would hope I would have a decision from the Cabinet very soon; but I cannot say whether it will be this week or next week" (1551). Ah, ha—Not only are we back to "soon" but "very soon" and "this week or next week"! But alas, the weeks in Ottawa must be longer than the weeks in other parts of Canada.

**"... due course"**

On March 20, in reply to a similar question from Mr. Diefenbaker, the Minister used that worn out, nebulous phrase that all governments resort to from time to time—"in due course..." (2406).

On April 16, again in reply to questions from Mr. Diefenbaker about a meeting Mr. Marchand had had with the President of Air Canada, the Minister said "... unfortunately we have not discussed the case of Milan at all". Missed again.

On May 31, under questioning from Don Mazankowski, our Party's Transport critic, we got this: "... we are still looking into the problem (sic) in the department. I do not think I am in a position to say at what moment we will be ready to make any public statement and not for the Milan route either because it has to be decided" (4291). So what else is new?

On June 4, I gave it another run with this result—"It will be soon..." (4388).

In conversations outside the House during the summer with both Mr. Marchand and Joe Guay, his Parliamentary

**Holstein cow wins best udder contest**

A Holstein from the herd of Claude F. Picket, R.R. 2, Georgetown claimed top honors in the interbreed best udder competition at Milton Fair Saturday afternoon. Grahaven Texal Bessie was the winning cow after judge Ross Hewitt looked over the udders of 19 entries, representing four dairy breeds.

Rock Ella Leading Flower Girl, a Jersey owned by Rock Ella Jerseys Ltd. of Hornby, came second and an Ayrshire entered by Robert Loveless of St. George came third.

Fourth prize was another Ayrshire from the Brantford herd of Morris Sisler, while fifth went to a Jersey entered by Mrs. F. Eleanor Robinson of Georgetown. Sixth in the race was another Jersey from the herd of Mrs. Eva Harper, Georgetown.

Seventh to 10th placings were claimed by K. A. Forester, Lynden, a Guernsey; Featherstone Bros., Oakville, a Jersey; Lionel McKeown, a Jersey; and John McNabb, Georgetown, a Guernsey.

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**NOTICE**

**To Halton County Residents Re Proposed Hydro Transmission Corridors**

I shall be appointing, as your warden of Halton County, a special committee of the county council to meet with concerned residents and groups about the Ontario Hydro proposal to construct the 500 KV Hydro Transmission Corridor across Halton County. The committee will be named immediately following the Halton Regional Election Monday, October 1st, 1973.

Anne J. MacArthur, Warden, Halton County.

**M.F.D. responds to eight fire calls**

Milton Fire Department responded to eight fire calls this week.

The volunteers responded to a request to wash down gasoline following an accident on the Oakville Tenth Line at 2:41 p.m. Wednesday.

Later that evening at 6:35 they were on hand at a grass fire at the property of J. Putzer, R.R. 1, Hornby.

The firefighters were also called when the motor on a water pump belonging to J. Anderson, R.R. 1, Georgetown caught fire Thursday morning.

A chimney fire at the home of Allan Patterson, 5122 Tremaine Rd., summoned the

brigade at 2:50 p.m. Friday.

The brigade attended the fire in the Omagh Church sheds at 1:04 a.m. Saturday. Early Saturday afternoon the brigade was informed of a tree fire at the Leaver Mushroom plant in Burlington.

At 2:22 p.m. they were summoned to a car fire on Hwy. 401. A '67 Dodge belonging to Andiano Dias, Toronto, was a total loss.

A chicken barn fire alerted the brigade at 1:50 p.m. Sunday afternoon. The barn on Lower Base Line belonged to George Dubravica.

**\$1,600 toll car crash**

A collision between two cars Tuesday afternoon caused a total of \$1,600 damage, Milton Police report.

The vehicles driven by Reg Wilson of 73 Robert St. and Manfred Burck of 150 Martin St. collided at the corner of Mill and Martin Sts. as Wilson was making a left turn off Mill St. Each car received \$800 damage.

The Milton detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police report 66 general offences, eight liquor seizures, eight thefts, four recovered cars, two insecure premises, two assault, two damage to property, two break and enter, one disturbing the peace and one obstruction.

There were a total of 16 minor accidents in the O.P.P.'s area and a car fire on Hwy. 401.

**"VOTE BEST**

FOR MAYOR" in Central Halton

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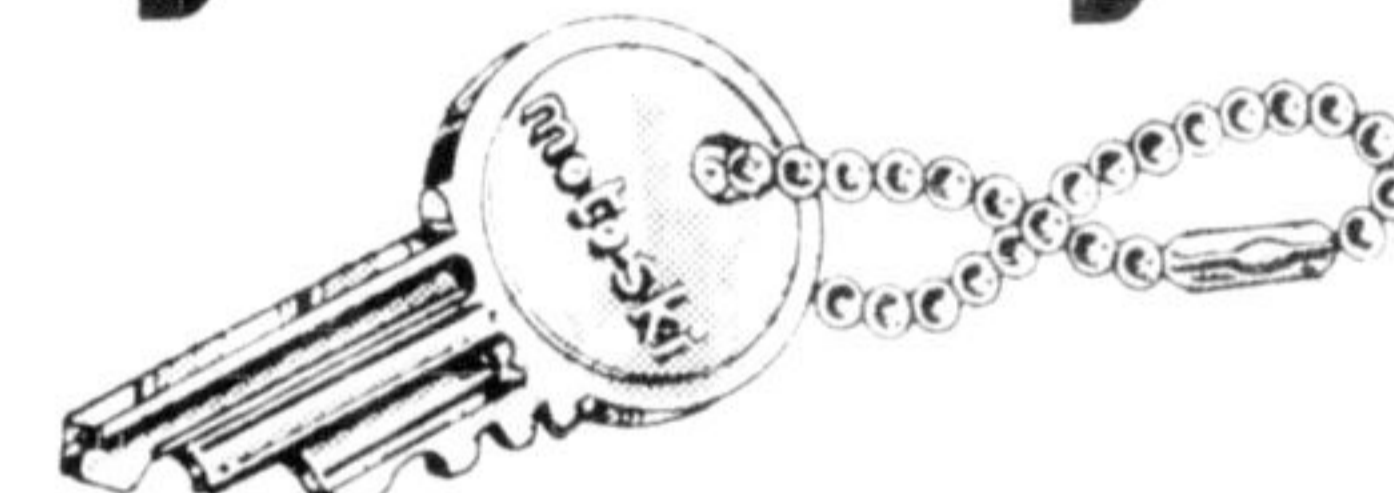
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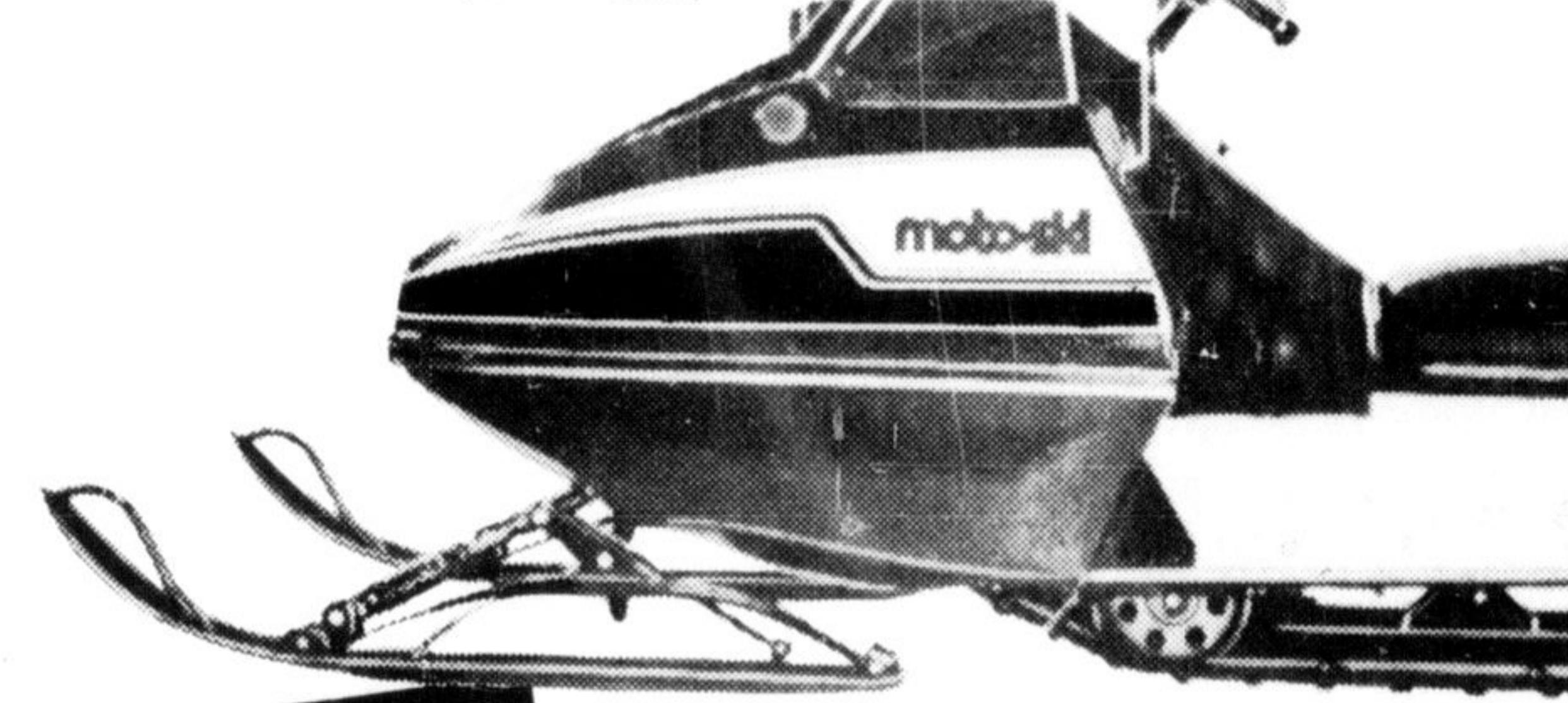
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