

Drivers passed school buses

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Police are urging you to follow school bus laws or face fines and even jail time.

During the first four days back to school last week, York Regional Police officers working the enforcement blitz Operation ABC stopped three motorists for violating school bus light laws, Sgt. Bradley Bulmer said.

Some drivers are not even slowing down when they pass a school bus with activated lights, he said. "They just blow right by."

"People have to stop. That's when the tragedies usually happen — during loading and unloading."

Along with the school bus violators, 992 drivers were ticketed for speeding in and around school zones between Tuesday and Friday.

When you see the lights of a school bus flashing, you must stop, regardless of the direction you are travelling, he said.

The first time you're caught, you face a fine of up to \$2,000 and six demerit points. The second time, along with the six points, that fine can increase to \$4,000. Upon conviction, there is also the potential you will serve six months in jail, Sgt. Bulmer said.

The only time you don't have to stop when bus lights are flashing is if you are travelling road divided by a barrier, such as a ditch or grassy median.

If you see someone violating school bus laws, visit yrc.ca and click on the 'Roadwatch' link to find an online reporting form.



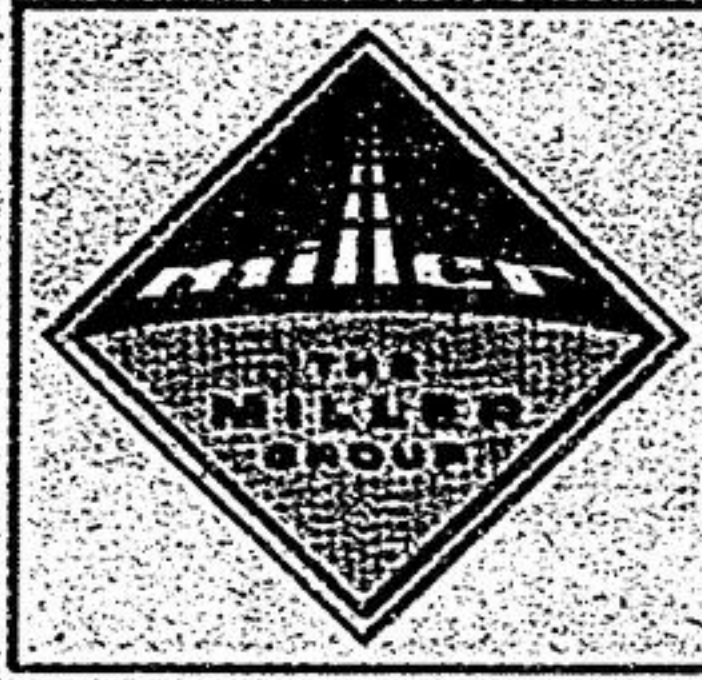
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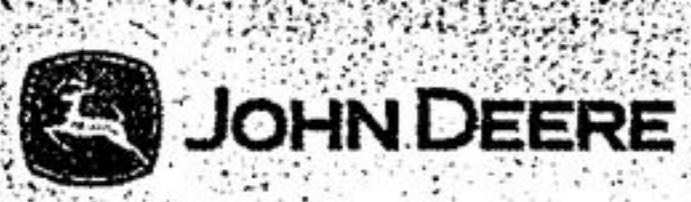
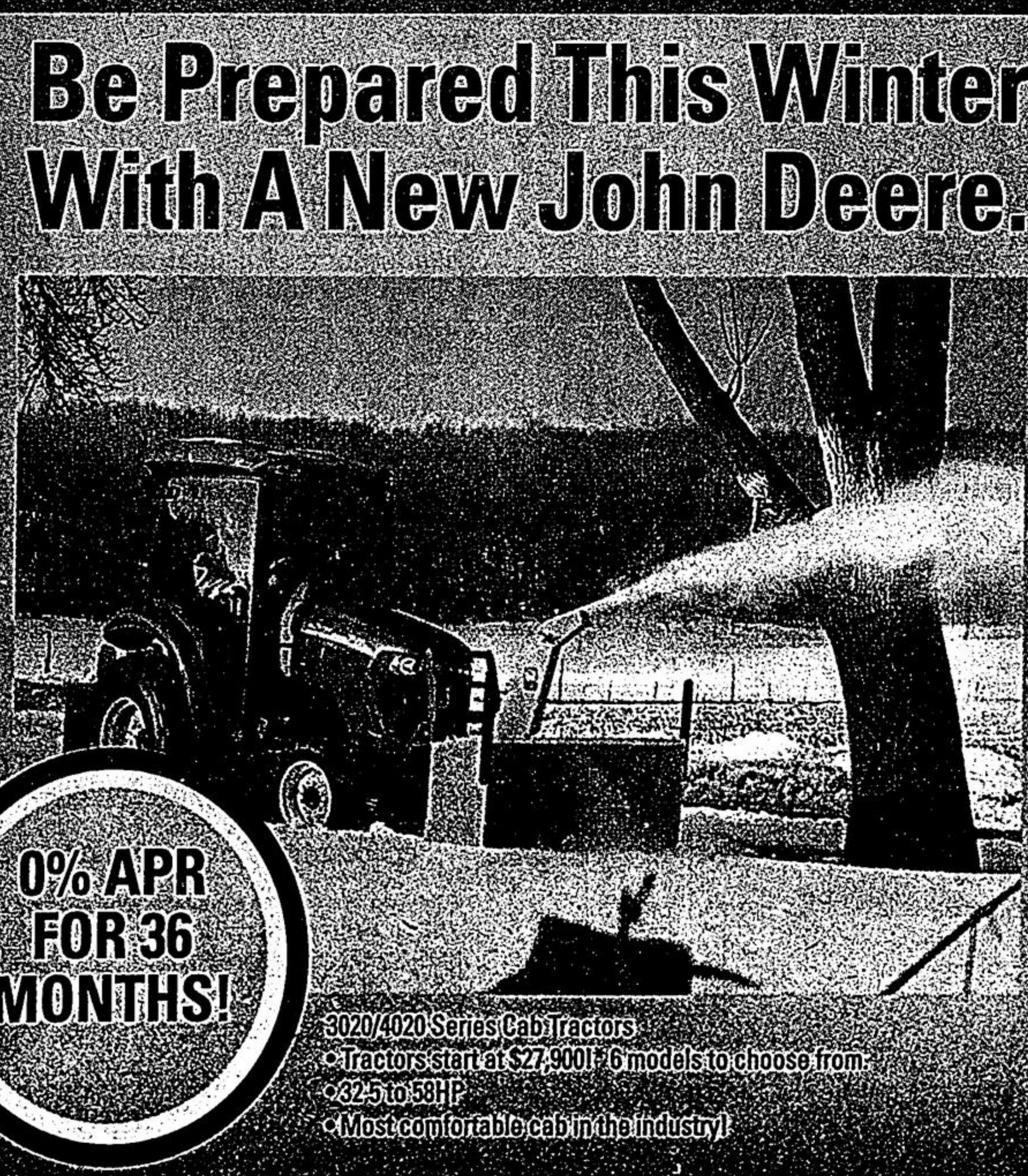
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