

Winter driving tips

A driver's ability to cope with winter traction problems is directly related to the motorist's determination to reduce the risks.

This is the contention of a nationally recognized accident investigator and authority on accident reconstruction - Archie H. Easton. Easton is currently serving as consulting engineer for Safety Engineering Associates, a Madison, Wisconsin, firm specializing in automotive accident investigation and product liability.

"If I have a choice," Easton asserts, "I'll ride with a driver who buckles up the minute he slides behind the wheel of his vehicle. That driver has not succumbed to the often disastrous attitude that 'it can't happen to me.'"

Easton's point: the driver who recognizes the value of safety restraints - for himself, his passengers and his children - also understands that the restraint system will keep the people in his vehicle from being thrown around

inside his car in case of a skid-wreck situation regardless of who's at fault. He stands a better chance of keeping control

of himself and his car and that, according to Easton, is making a choice that lowers the risks.

Other safeguards include the type of tires and traction aids the motorist puts between his vehicle and icy or snowy road surfaces.

Eaton cited skid test findings developed over years of research:

A tire's traction ability is related more to area design and compound than to its construction. In short, either a radial or bias belted tire with a standard highway tread will perform about equally well on winter slick surfaces.

Conventional snow tires (without studs) show little or no improvement in stopping ability on ice when compared to regular tires. However, as their name suggests, snow tires perform considerably better on loosely packed snow, where they produce 51 percent better pulling or traction ability than

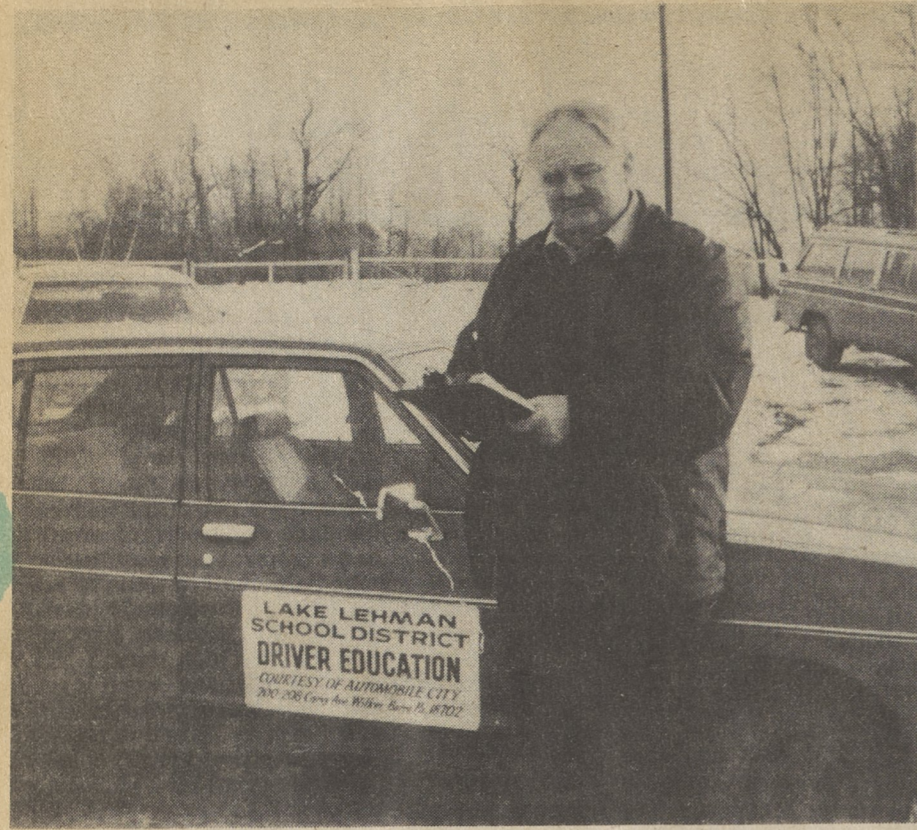
regular highway tires. On glare ice, their traction ability is about 28 percent better than regular tires.

Studded snow tires on the rear wheels (where their use is permitted) reduce stopping distances on ice by about 19 percent.

The old standby--reinforced tire chains--is still best. They reduce braking distances on ice by 50 percent. They produce from four to seven times the pulling ability of conventional tires on snow and ice.

Some new models--down-sized and front wheel drive--require limited clearance chains (type PL chains). Your dealer or mechanic can recommend the proper type.

Another caution Easton emphasized is the fact that snow tires must be radials if the other tires on the non-drive wheels are radials. Otherwise a dangerous "fishtailing" or other instability can result causing the driver to lose control of the vehicle.



Walter Buda

L-L driver specialist goes in snow

"A driver who can control his car on ice and snow will have no problem driving safely on clear roads," according to Walter J. Buda, driver education specialist at Lake-Lehman High School. Undeterred by the hazardous conditions of the winter season, Buda is on the road with his young drivers each day.

"Driving an automobile is not a luxury to young people in suburban and rural areas. With no public transportation available to them, they must rely on the family

car to get them to school activities, to work, and to recreational areas. Driving safely in all weather is a high priority with us," says Buda.

Buda, in his 26th year of safety education, is truly a man for all seasons. In addition to his classroom instruction in driving theory, he takes students on the road for actual driving experience under all conditions. Stormy weather does not stop the Datsun 210 and its student drivers.

Driver education is subsidized by funds from the

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and sponsored in part by Fred Schuler of

Automobile City, Inc., Wilkes-Barre. Schuler and Automobile City provide the driver education car without charge to the school district. The exemplary program at Lake-Lehman is a fine

example of state government, local government, and private enterprise working together to train generation after generation of safety conscious adults and responsible drivers.

Willie Bacteria

Or How to care for your cesspool

A new, free, eight-page illustrated booklet, entitled, "The Story of Willie Bacteria, or 'How to Take Care of Your Septic Tank or Cesspool'" is now available to owners of Septic Tanks and Cesspools from Dallas Agway, 36 Mill St., Dallas, Pa. 18612.

In a light vein, illustrated by cartoons, the booklet explains the workings of the septic tank and cesspool in simplified fashion. It

describes the bacterial action of the disposal system and what is necessary for its proper functioning.

Chief attraction in the booklet is a humanized "Willie Bacteria", who is responsible for maintaining the efficiency of the disposal system. When the septic tank or cesspool user ignores the fact that "Willie" is working to keep the disposal system free from disease, and saturates him with an overdose of

detergents, acids, lyes, caustics and other irritants, "Willie" is very unhappy, and more than not, just stops working.

But, there is a bright side to the story too, for "Willie Bacteria" has found a way to educate the septic tank or cesspool user, so that "Willie" can do his job under modern, up-to-date working conditions, and prevent the fuss, mess, inconvenience, and expense of a clogged disposal system.

80-voice chorus ready for spring concert

Spring Concert. Rehearsals of Antonin Dvorak's "Requiem" will begin at 8 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 2, in the upstairs choir room of St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, South Franklin St., Wilkes-Barre. The two-hour sessions are held weekly until the concert, April 18.

New singers are welcome at this time, with a special invitation to tenors and basses. Additional membership information may be obtained by calling Balshaw either at his Dallas home or at St. Stephen's.

The 80-voice chorus presents two concerts each year. Major choral works of five centuries have been performed, with the appropriate orchestral accompani-

ment. Balshaw, a member of the College Misericordia faculty and organist-director of St. Stephen's, became music director in 1952.

Harold L. Hoover, organist-director of Dallas United Methodist Church, is president of the Oratorio Society chorus. He is one of several Back Mountain residents active in the organization, both as a singer and a member of its board of directors.

Lois Hardisky new head of Dorcas Society

Dorcas Society of St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Shavertown, had their annual re-organizational meeting Jan. 12.

Newly elected officers are Lois Hardisky, president; Lois Gdovin, vice president; Val

Rothrock, secretary; and Ruth Ide, treasurer.

President Hardisky announced her committees for 1982 as Telephone, Geri Williams and Ethel MacAvoy; Publicity, Bernice Hill; Garde and Glowers, Lois

Gdovin; Program committee, Ruth Ide, Chairlady, Sally Davenport, Lois Gdovin, Jeannette Saneholtz and Shirley Templin; Historian, Florence Woolbert.

Projects for the coming year will be discussed at the February meeting. President Hardisky extended the thanks of the Society to retiring officers President Fran Dierolf and Secretary Shirley Templin.

Hostesses for the evening were Val Rothrock and Ruth Voelker. Next regular meeting will be February 9th.

This empty ink tank truck owned by Sun Chemical Corp. of New Jersey, had to be towed from the scene on Route 309, Trucksville, after it jackknifed while traveling south, Jan. 22, about 10:30 a.m. Sal Randello of 208 Bergen Blvd., East Rutherford, N.J., told police that he was forced off the road by another vehicle by the light at

Back Mountain Social notes

BY MIKE POLK

Mrs. Jeffrey (Charlene) Finkel, 103 Franklin Street, Dallas, and infant son, Joseph, came home on Friday from Nesbitt Memorial Hospital, Kingston, where Joseph was born on January 17. He weighed in at eight pounds, three ounces, and measured 21 inches. Joseph is the first child for the Finkels.

Mrs. Finkel is the former Miss Charlene Gabriel, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Angelo Gabriel of Wilkes-Barre. The proud father is the son of Mrs. Dorothy Finkel, also of Wilkes-Barre, and the late Joseph Finkel. Mr. Finkel is self-employed in his own business in Scranton.

Friends of Mrs. Thomas Cease, 142 Franklin Street, Dallas, will be glad to learn she is 'holding her own' at Nesbitt Memorial Hospital in Kingston where she has been a medical patient about a week. She is the mother of Rev. Dr. Allan Cease, pastor of the Carverton United Methodist Church.

Mr. and Mrs. Theodore W. Wright, 23 Monroe Avenue, Dallas, are rejoicing over the birth of their first born, a daughter, Maria Anne, in Wilkes-Barre General Hospital on January 13.

Mrs. Wright is the former Miss Mary Saraceno, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Saraceno of West Pittston. Maria Anne is the first grandchild for the maternal grandparents. Mr. Wright is the son of Mrs. Catherine Wright of Dallas and the late Theodore W. Wright. Maria Anne is the fourth grandchild for Mrs. Wright.

February meeting of the Dorcas Society of St. Paul's Lutheran Church of Shavertown will be held Tuesday evening, February 9, in the church social rooms, at which time projects for the year will be discussed.

Annual reorganization meeting of the Dorcas Society earlier this month was highlighted with the installation of the following officers for 1982: president, Lois Hardisky; vice-president, Lois Gdovin; secretary Val Rothrock; treasurer, Ruth Ide.

Mrs. Hardisky announced the appointment of the following committees: telephone, Geri Williams and Ethel MacAvoy; publicity, Bernice Hill; cards and flowers, Lois Gdovin; program, Ruth Ide, chairlady; Sally Davenport, Lois Gdovin, Jeannette Saneholtz, Shirley Templin; historian, Florence Woolbert.

Hostesses for the evening were Val Rothrock and Mrs.

Ruth Voelker. President Hardisky also expressed thanks of the society to the retiring officers: president, Fran Dierolf; secretary, Shirley Templin.

Mrs. Matilda Beline of 147 South Lehigh Street, Trucksville, will observe her 90th birthday anniversary tomorrow and will be honored at a family dinner at her home on Sunday.

A Mass of Thanksgiving was offered Saturday afternoon at 4:30 in St. Therese's Church, Shavertown, where Rev. Joseph Sammons is pastor. The dinner on Sunday will be hosted by her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Robert (Mary Helen) Russell of Leighton.

A native of Wilkes-Barre, Mrs. Beline is in fairly good health. She is a member of St. Therese's Church, Shavertown where she was an active member of organizations of St. Therese's Church. Her husband, Jacob F. Beline, died in 1958.

Mrs. Beline is a graduate of St. Nicholas High School in Wilkes-Barre and Mercy Hospital School of Nursing. She is a member of Mercy Hospital Auxiliary. She has resided in the Back Mountain most of her life and in earlier years was active in civic groups in this area.

Mrs. Beline is the mother of four children: Miss Elizabeth Beeline, at home; Mrs. Robert (Mary Helen) Russell, Leighton; Mrs. Mildred Devlin, Shavertown, and Francis of Dallas. She also has nine grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

Hora featured guitarist

Berklee College of Music senior Kevin P. Hora, son of Dr. and Mrs. James Hora of Dallas, will be featured guitarist in "New Leaf, Trouble Free," an exciting concert of original jazz-rock compositions; Jan. 27 in the Berklee Recital Hall.

The dynamic quintet, comprised of the College's finest student instrumentalists, will present a diverse program of their

provocative original rock numbers in arrangements designed to spotlight the group's versatile musicians in both solo and ensemble settings.

Hora, a 1974 graduate of Wyoming Seminary, is majoring in arranging at Berklee, the international center for education in professional music renowned for its acclaimed jazz faculty and practical career preparation.

4-H dog club meets Monday

The Luzerne County 4-H Dog Club will meet Monday, Feb. 1, in the extension office, Courthouse Annex, 5 Water Street, Wilkes-Barre.

Dog club members and interested youth, ages 8-19 are asked to attend. Please write or call the extension office, 825-1706 for further information.

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Paper drive cancelled

The Back Mountain Kiwanis Club bi-monthly paper drive scheduled for Jan. 30, has been cancelled.