Starting & Stopping the Engine

3. Continue warming up the engine until it runs smoothly and responds to the throttle when the choke knob is at fully OFF (B).

NOTICE

Extended use of the choke may impair piston and cylinder wall lubrication and damage the engine.

Snapping the throttle or fast idling for more than about 5 minutes at normal air temperature may cause exhaust pipe discoloration.

Flooded Engine

If the engine fails to start after repeated attempts, it may be flooded with excess fuel. To clear a flooded engine:

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- 1. Leave the engine stop switch set to RUN.
- 2. Push the choke knob forward all the way to fully OFF.
- 3. Open the throttle fully.
- 4. Press the start button for 5 seconds.
- 5. Follow the normal starting procedure.
- 6. If the engine starts, then open the throttle slightly if idling is unstable. If the engine does not start, wait 10 seconds, then follow steps

1 - 5 again.

If the engine still won't start, refer to *If Your Engine Quits or Won't Start*, page 167.

