

A YEARLY PHOENIX REARS ITS UGLY HEAD!

An Editorial

How many parents have warned their children about how dangerous the practice of throwing snowballs can be?

How many parents have told their sons not to throw snowballs at other people's property, girls and small children as well as automobiles?

How many parents even realize what laws their children are breaking when they stand on Main St., and throw a barrage of snowballs at a passing School Bus or at Autos as they go by?

Would these same parents let their children hurl an object the same size as a baseball and just as heavy at their auto, themselves or their small daughters?

We doubt it very much but apparently they haven't done anything about stopping their sons from annoying, disturbing, scaring, interfering with, and being offensive to other people—their children—property—as well as automobiles.

TO BEGIN WITH—it's a serious offense to throw anything at a moving vehicle on the road—be it a car, School Bus, Truck or what have you.

The offense is covered both by a village ordinance as well as the penal law of the State of New York.

The village law under Public Safety in Section 3 states that: No person shall throw glass, stones, sticks, SNOWBALLS or other missiles upon, into or across any of the streets under penalty of the law.

Also under the penal law of the State of New York anyone throwing snowballs may be charged with disorderly conduct since the law states: Any person who with intent to provoke a breach of the peace, or whereby a breach of the peace may be occasioned, commits any of the following acts shall be deemed to have committed the offense of disorderly conduct:

Par. 2. Acts in such a manner as to annoy, disturb, interfere with, or be offensive to others.

Par. 723 of the Penal Law states that the offense of Disorderly Conduct is punishable as follows:

1. By imprisonment in a County Jail or Workhouse for a term not exceeding 6 months, or by a fine not exceeding \$50 or both.

2. By placing on probation for a term not to exceed 2 years.

Any minor committing the above acts is naturally subject to these laws the same as a grown-up.

This winter the weather has been so cold that it has not been very conducive to making snowballs.

However with the arrival of warmer weather this week we have noticed an outbreak of "snowballing."

We have seen large "man-size" students throwing snowballs at girls and small children on their way home from school thereby scaring as well as hurting them.

Do you suppose the parents of these "Big Bullies" have enough money to pay for the pain and suffering if one of these snowballs should put out a small child's eye or break an eardrum?

Don't forget a snowball is a missile the size of a baseball and can weigh as much or more, so will strike with the same force and do as much damage!

We have also seen these same young men throw a barrage of snowballs at a passing School Bus as well as Autos and passing Trucks.

Who could pay for the damage if the driver of a vehicle would lose control and crash into another car or hit a pedestrian injuring them or killing them?

We know that the School Authorities are taking action to do everything in their power to put a stop to these disgusting actions.

HOWEVER, they only have a limited jurisdiction over your children!

IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY AND DUTY OF THE PARENTS TO SEE THAT THEIR CHILDREN BEHAVE THEMSELVES AND OBEY THE LAWS, RULES AND REGULATIONS OF OUR SOCIETY!

Let's hope that the necessary action is taken before any irreparable damage results!

**Turning Back
The Pages
of Andover History**
(Taken from the Files of
The Andover News)

50 YEARS AGO
Feb. 28, 1913

J. H. Backus, Publisher
James Cocoman has moved to the P. C. Lynch store where he will conduct a grocery store.

The ice train began business again Tuesday with some of the ice being shipped as far West as Marion, Ohio.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Joyce are the parents of a son. Mrs. Jennie Loughhead is the nurse in charge.

W. S. Calhoun has been a business visitor in Buffalo several days this week.

Prof. Franklin Cannon has been visiting Andover relatives this week.

Mr. and Mrs. John Deming visited his brother, Dr. Deming in Friendship the last of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Richardson and son, James, were guests of C. B. Richardson at Galeton Pa. over the week-end.

Frank Martin was in Salamanca Tuesday, attending an Erie staff meeting.

40 YEARS AGO
Feb. 23, 1923

J. H. Backus & Son, Publishers
Mrs. Thomas O'Connell, 62, died at her home Sunday morning. Her husband survives.

Mrs. Samuel Kenyon died at her home in East Valley Friday, February 16th following a short illness.

Officers of the W.R.C. for the coming year include: Mrs. Fannie Backus, President; Mrs. Mervie Trowbridge, Sr. Vice President; Mrs. Effa Bubank, Jr. Vice President; Mrs. Laura Bomen, Chaplain; Mrs. Byron Proper, Treasurer; Mrs. Elizabeth Hann, Secretary.

A. L. Jones left Thursday morning for St. Cloud Fla. called there by the illness of his father, Wilson Jones.

Mrs. Bessie Herrick was called home from New York this week by the serious illness of her mother, Mrs. Nettie Barney.

E. D. Baker is attending the Hardware Dealers Convention in Rochester this week.

Miss Mae Dean was called home from Syracuse this week by the illness of her mother, Mrs. William Dean.

30 YEARS AGO
Feb. 24, 1933

J. H. Backus & Son, Publishers
The bodies of Mrs. Mary Hurst McGinty and Frederick Taylor, mother and husband of Mrs. Cecelia McGinty Taylor were brought to Andover on the same train and buried in St. John's Cemetery Tuesday. Mrs. McGinty died of a heart attack and Mr. Taylor died following surgery.

Arthur E. Beebe, 78, life long resident of this area died at his home in Duffy Hollow Feb. 19th. His wife, a son and a daughter survive.

Martin Hoyer left Andover the first of the week to open a Tailor Shop in Shinglehouse, Pa. Mrs. Hoyer will conduct the Andover Shop.

John Wahl moved his household good this week to the P. A. Dean farm on South Hill which he has purchased.

Mr. and Mrs. S. F. Pelton and Miss Eleanor Baker visited relatives in Ithaca Sunday.

Charles Hann of Hornell was greeting Andover relatives and friends Sunday.

Clay Jordon of St. Louis, Mo., and owner of the Cutlery Plant here, was a business visitor in Andover the first of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. B. A. Clair, Miss Minnie Clair and Mrs. Emma Church were Sunday callers of Mrs. Bomen at the Kirkpatrick Home in Cuba.

Terre Haut, Ind., Advocate: "No body knows what will happen in the next war, but don't be bothered; after all, you can't die but one time."

Albany Report
By Barber B. Conable, Jr.
State Senator, 53rd District

I have received literally hundreds of letters saying, in effect, that there must be some way to cut the proposed \$2.9 billion state budget. So many people seem to feel that the Governor is somehow being willfully extravagant with their money, and that it is up to the Legislature to call a halt. But it isn't quite as simple as you might think.

To begin with, there is no program in the budget that hasn't been previously approved by the Legislature. True, many expensive programs started modestly enough some years ago, only to "snowball" in expense as administrators saw ways to improve service and extend benefits. The bureaucrats aren't the only ones to blame, either. Until the fee crisis exploded this year, two out of three letters I received from constituents asked for more services or more benefits rather than less spending. A little here and a little there builds up into a lot of money.

Better than half the state budget isn't spent by the state at all, but is simply passed along to support local activities or to reimburse localities for functions in which the state has an interest.

The state, for instance, thinks a standard education system is desirable, so it pays a billion dollars to local school boards to supplement local school taxes. The same thing happens in welfare, in town highway construction, in youth recreation programs, in community colleges and in many other areas. To cut this state aid is to put a greater burden on local real estate taxes, unless the localities also cut back on services.

Even with respect to state purposes expenditures, cutting is not easy. Since New Yorkers pay a large portion of the federal income tax, it is hard to cut state services which are substantially reimbursed through federal aid. If we don't qualify ourselves for this federal money, it will go to other states in even greater proportion.

GRASSROOTS OPINION

Rockland, Me., Courier-Gazette: "May we suggest that homeowners take a bit tougher attitude when it comes to dealing with itinerant salesman, no matter what they are offering. There have been recent instances bordering on outright fraud. No matter how attractive the offer; the special deal; so much off for any one of a multitude of reasons; a most favorable financing proposal; take the time to pick up the telephone and call the Chamber of Commerce. If the salesman is from a legitimate firm which fully intends to carry out the terms of the offer he is making he will welcome your checking his credentials with the Chamber. If not, he will be gone by the time you dial the number."

Marksville, La., News: "Every elected or appointed government official or board, receiving or otherwise handling public funds, should publish at regular intervals an accounting showing where and how each dollar of taxpayer money is spent. The Weekly News holds this practice the greatest safeguard against corruption in office, and believes it to be a fundamental principle of democratic government."

Surely reducing maintenance on state property is no economy since it only creates worse problems for the future. And once you have built a fine new mental hospital, it doesn't make sense to kill efficiency by understaffing it. Even highway construction is complicated; only about 20 percent of a road appropriation is used the first year, while 55 per cent is spent in the second year. Thus an automatic snowballing of expenditures is provided.

Despite these problems, however, the cuts will be made. The Legislature has interpreted the massive protest from the voters as a willingness to accept a curb on the budgeted expenditures. The cuts reach into every phase of state spending. I have been promised that even the operating expenses of the Legislature itself will be pruned.

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