

WHERE ARE YOUR CHILDREN TONIGHT?

An Editorial

As a result of this terrible accident and tragedy in Addison where a teen-age driver and his companions are apparently responsible for wiping out a family of four, many questions and discussions have arisen as to where the responsibility lies.

According to reports that we were given in that locality as we drove thru Addison early Saturday morning, just a few hours after the tragedy, the three young men in the car had been drinking and had succeeded in running away from the local Police Officer shortly before the tragedy. Ironically, the driver of the car who was directly responsible for the accident, was pinned in the wreckage and was alive and conscious when he was burned to death.

What was he thinking of those last few minutes or seconds? Was he perhaps thinking how swell good old Mom and Dad were to buy him or loan him the car he was driving or was it just the opposite? Could he have been blaming them for giving him the money to spend on the type of entertainment he had chosen for that final evening?

What must his parents be thinking as well as the parents of the other two lads that were killed with him in such a gruesome manner. Who are they blaming, and whom do they think is responsible for their loss?

With these thoughts in mind we thought perhaps all of us should do a little soul searching and see if we could answer these questions:

Parents—How many of you know where your children are tonight? If they are out, do you know with whom they are riding? What kind of a car? What shape mechanically is it? Who is driving it? Is he or she a good careful driver? And does he drink? How far away from home are they going and where? Do they have your permission? How much money do they have to spend?

Here, an innocent family of four, returning from an evening's outing at the movies in Corning were wiped out when a car driven by a teen-ager sideswiped one car and then crashed head-on into their car which was in back of the first car. Mr. Ervie L. Allen was killed instantly, his 14-year old daughter was dead on arrival at the Corning Hospital, while his 23-year old daughter and wife lived only a few short hours after arrival at the hospital.

The teen-age driver and his two young companions were pinned in the wreckage of their car and were unable to be rescued as the vehicle burst into flames after the collision and was soon a blazing inferno.

Total Toll—7 Dead! Total amount of anguish and suffering—Countless!

Who is indirectly responsible for this tragedy? Could it be that the parents of the teen-ager are asking themselves what went wrong?

It is difficult for a loving parent to believe ill of his or her offspring!

According to Dr. Herbert Ratner, Professor of Preventive Medicine at Loyola: "Fathers and Mothers are kidding themselves when under the guise of doing a greater good for their children and the community, they become willingly and happily ensnared in the time-consuming work of community organizations. Parents should return their talents and energies to the work of doing a bang-up job of rearing their children."

So it is up to the parents. Even where they may not have to answer to the law, they will answer to some higher court the day they suffer the anguish of a mother or father whose son or daughter is in trouble—or in pieces.

Parents will reap what they sow. Sooner or later the responsibility will come home!

Lets all do some soul searching and see if we are neglecting some of the responsibilities of a parent towards our children before it is too late!

Turning Back The Pages of Andover History

(Taken from the Files of The Andover News)

50 YEARS AGO

March 21, 1913

J. H. Backus, Publisher

H. H. Williams was elected Village President and J. A. O'Leary as Village Trustee at Tuesday's Village Election.

A new nickel with an Indian Head on the face and a Buffalo on the reverse has just been put into circulation.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Williams returned Tuesday from several days visit at the home of her brother, Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Green, in Buffalo.

Edgar Porter left Monday for Muskogee, Okla., where he will represent a novelty company.

40 YEARS AGO

March 16, 1923

J. H. Backus & Son, Publishers

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Herman are the parents of a daughter, born March 14th.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Robinson are the parents of a daughter born March 15th.

The A. O. Tucker residence, corner of East Greenwood and East Ave., has been purchased by Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Bloss.

Mrs. Ruby Snyder Saunders tied with Miss Vandine Bickford for first place in the L & C Beauty Contest at Hornell Tuesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Appier moved this week from South Hill to Andover Village.

Mr. and Mrs. George Tucker of Elm Valley were called to Stanards Monday by the sudden death of her father, Henry Williams.

Paul Caple has gone to Hornell where he has accepted a position in the Swain Hardware Store.

Robert Mings has purchased the draying business and equipment of Roy Nichols and took possession Monday.

O. Leigh Smith of Wellsville and Mrs. Gertrude Hazzard McNich of Andover were united in marriage March 15, by Rev. W. J. Greene at the home of her sister, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Stebbins.

Lynn R. Babcock of Wellsville and Miss Nina Seeley of Andover were united in marriage March 10 at the Congregational parsonage in Wellsville.

George Barrett attended a Gurnsey Cattle Breeders meeting in Belmont Tuesday.

E. D. Baker was looking after property interests in Cohocton Tuesday and Wednesday.

30 YEARS AGO

March 17, 1933

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Mrs. Anna Stevens is recovering from an appendectomy performed at the St. James Mercy Hospital last Saturday.

Mrs. Graydon Phliger, Mrs. Clarence Christman, Mrs. Gilford Close and Mrs. Elliott of Wellsville spent Wednesday evening with Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Nottingham.

Raymond Kemp of Phillipsburg, N. J., is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Kemp.

Mrs. Richard Harder attended the Elmira College Luncheon held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Shannon Crane in Hornell Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Murphy and daughter, Ellen Marie or Hornell were week-end guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Quigg.

Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Brown returned to their home in New York City Tuesday.

Miss Ellen Driscoll, R.N., of Buffalo was a Sunday visitor of her mother, Mrs. Mary Driscoll.

Miss Naomi Strickler of the St. James Mercy Hospital Staff, passed from Wednesday until Sunday at the home of her sister, Mr. and Mrs. Ray McGill.

Miss Luel Howland, Mrs. Floyd Hann and Mrs. George Vickers attended a luncheon and meeting of the Rebekah Past Grands in Bolivar Thursday.

Letter To The Editor

60 Glover St. Eustis, Fla.

Dean Jean and Red, We'll be home this week-end. Have had a wonderful winter in the warm climate, but will be glad to get home and see everyone.

We want to express our appreciation for the Andover News every week in Calif. and Florida. That means a lot when you are away from home.

Has been 90 Degrees every day for over a week.

Sincerely Edward and Pauline

Franklinville To Hold Spring Syrup Festival

What you can't do with a sow's ear, you can do with a sap!

The making of pure maple syrup, a delicacy from maple tree sap will be the center of a two-day program in Franklinville, April 5-6.

The first annual Western New York Maple Syrup Festival will be held on the grounds and in the buildings of Franklinville central school. Franklinville's Jaycees, co-sponsors of the Festival are constructing a sugarhouse. They will pour, boil, test and bottle pure maple syrup in this sugarhouse next week-end in the parking lot of Franklinville Elementary school.

Representative Charles E. Goodell Jr., will address the public at a pancake and sausage dinner, with maple syrup of course, in the school cafeteria Saturday evening at 8 p. m.

Suppliers of maple syrup equipment and accessories will present exhibits at the school. The Smith brothers of Rushford, N. Y., will demonstrate high-speed tree sawing and log-chopping. The Western New York Maple Producers Association will present cash prizes to 4-H boys and girls whose maple syrup candy and baked goods will be judged at the festival. Friday night will close opening day with a round and square dance in the school gymnasium at 9 p. m.

Franklinville is priming for the Festival, which is jointly sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce, the Jaycees and the Syrup Producers organization. A poster contest is being conducted in W.N.Y., high schools and the art work will be displayed here. Maple trees in the village are being tapped and marked and local sap will be used in the Jaycees sugarhouse process.

The Town and Village Boards have proclaimed the week of April 1-8 as "Maple Syrup Festival Week." Bumper stickers heralding the event are being distributed throughout the six-county area served by the W.N.Y. Syrup Producers Association. Sugar bush producers, distributors and marketers are being invited to witness the processes and equipment to be displayed here. The Franklinville PTA is sponsoring the Festival poster contest. Franklinville Grange will serve the pancake dinner. Special parking arrangements are being arranged by the village police department, and a souvenir newspaper edition marking the event is scheduled for publication next week.

Albany Report

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

Seven weeks of uproar over Governor Rockefeller's 1963-64 budget brought home to many of us a number of truths that are too easily forgotten.

The Republican party is not one man, nor is state government one branch.

There is an increased awareness of the need for a more active year-round surveillance by the Legislature of state spending.

Only two ways exist to balance a budget, more revenue or less service, and too many people haven't really been thinking in such down-to-earth terms.

The Finance Committee of the Senate and the Ways and Means Committees of the Assembly have always carried on a continuing analysis of government programs. But the problem is getting much more complex as demands for government services grow and the legislative fiscal staffs are necessarily limited. The Legislature has to accept greater responsibility in this area because when we make substantial budget cuts, as we did this year, we must have some idea of the relative importance of programs started in the past.

The Governor's budget director is very helpful in offering advice at times like this. But he is not in a position to make performance analyses of programs the Legislature has authorized or to decide for us whether a program is doing what we intended it to do at a price we intended to pay. All he can do is to try and see that they are carried out as economically as possible.

The answer, so far as the Senate is concerned, is that some kind of sub-committee system probably will be established within the Finance Committee. Each member of the committee would be assigned specific responsibilities with respect to state government departments. He would be charged with informing himself in detail on the manner in which department heads carry out their fiscal responsibilities and, at budget time, he would be able to offer informed judgment on the value of department programs to the people of the state.

This year's budget battle has been most instructive in that it has demonstrated that new government programs have long-range budget effects as well as short-term political advantage. Programs that involve modest costs when installed have a tendency to snowball in expense as their benefits spread over the years.

Those of us who struggled with this year's budget will have a tendency in the future to consider such cumulative effects of new programs and to weigh them against any immediate appeal the programs may have. At least I hope so.

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