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**An Editorial**

**Do You Know Where Your Son Was Last Night?**

We feel sure that most parents would answer yes to this question. A few might be doubtful—but would not admit it; and then maybe a very few would even admit it.

For the parents that are sure they know where their son was we might pose another question: "What was he doing last night?"

Was he home watching TV with the family all evening? Or was he downtown roaming the streets with a few pals, trying to find out what devilry they could get into; and perhaps in the meantime he was showing off one of his "Kookie" tricks to his cronies like this stupid lighter fluid stunt?

Did he come home and go to bed at a fairly early hour? Perhaps more important—did he stay in bed all night or did he get up during the wee hours of the morning to meet a few of his cronies to carry out some scheme that they had cooked up earlier in the evening?

Was he camping out with a few friends—and if so was any parental care exercised over them? Did any adult check during the night to see that they were O.K. or "in the sack" where they were supposed to be? What easier way could they find where they could get up and go out anytime that they wanted to and still get back in undetected?

There is an old saying that "Satan finds work for idle hands" and this has been found true time after time. During the "Summer Vacation" many young men don't have anything constructive to do.

Some lads find themselves a summer job to earn their own spending money, while others take an active part playing baseball or swimming. A few fortunate ones get to go to the lake or a summer camp where they can enjoy outdoor life with swimming, fishing, boating, and regulated sports to build them up physically.—These lads work hard and play hard so consequently are tired out at night and are ready to "hit the hay" fairly early for a good night's sleep.

However, for the young men that have no manual chores to do—who sleep half the day and then just roam around in the evening—these are the ones who are capable of prowling around half the night.

The old expression that "one bad apple can spoil the whole barrel" is equally applicable to a bunch of boys. Your son might be the "paragon" of virtue when he is alone—but—if he is with a gang of boys that get into trouble—he is classed right in along with them. All it needs is one bright troublemaker full of ideas and a whole bunch of boys can be in a peck of trouble.

The saying "you are known by the company you keep" is sad but true. If your children are running or even seen with someone with a bad reputation, they are immediately "tarred by the same brush" although they may never have been in any trouble—and the unhappy part of it is, that this stigma will stick a long time.

Some people and adults close their eyes to everything that their off-spring or relatives do and express the trite feelings "that my Kilroy wouldn't do anything wrong." (This is a fictitious name that is well known to most GI's.)

Sure as Hell—someones kids are to blame for a great deal of the Vandalism that is going around—not only in Andover—but all around us.

Whether it is Wellsville, Addison, Canisteo or Alfred—someone is to blame for draining and damaging the municipal pool—putting weed killer on an old woman's beautiful "American Flag Flowerbed"—slashing tires and committing the property damage that is being done.

Whose boys are they that have been seen roaming the local streets between 3 and 4 in the morning? What can they be possibly doing except looking for trouble or devilry at that time of the morning?

It is only natural that lads hanging around a place like the local laundramat when they have no business there are going to be suspected when any damage is done—whether they are to blame or not!

In visiting with the District Attorney last night about this situation, it all boils down to the fact that Parents are the ones that are responsible for what their children do—whether good or bad.

They are the ones that are as much to blame as the youths that get into trouble—and it is up to them to

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

**50 YEARS AGO**

July 25, 1913

**J. H. Backus, Publisher**  
Jason Beebe, 10, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Beebe, died while swimming in Dyke Creek, Friday. Surviving are his parents and two sisters.

Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Bassett and family were in Whitesville Wednesday to attend the funeral of her sister, Mrs. Abram Austin.

John Ahearn, 97, died at his home on South Hill, July 19th.

Mrs. John Dean, 44, died at her home on South Hill Tuesday. Her husband, a son and a daughter survive.

Dr. and Mrs. P. B. Hardy of Tecumseh, Mich., Prof. E. D. Hardy of Elmira and Mrs. Helen Reiss of New York City are visiting at the R. Hardy home.

Mrs. Sylvia Mourhess went to Castile Thursday to accompany her Aunt, Mrs. Cunningham home.

Lynn Trowbridge left Saturday for Avoca where he will work in a bobbin factory.

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

**40 YEARS AGO**

July 20, 1923

**J. H. Backus & Son, Publishers**  
Miss Marie Joyce and Allen M. Harvey both of Andover were united in marriage July 18th.

Robert Church of Andover has been elected a delegate to the State Convention of Rural Mail Carriers to be held in Syracuse August 9 - 10.

Misses Mary and Celia Smith, Anna Joyce, Mrs. Alice E. Knowles, Carl Hann and Rodney Robinson are attending summer school at Alfred University.

The Misses Eleanor and Mary McFetridge are assisting the Buffalo Fresh Air Mission at Cradle Beach this summer. Miss Eleanor is assistant superintendent of the Mission which has several hundred children.

Mr. and Mrs. Hildred Rogers and James Rogers were business visitors in Buffalo the first of the week.

Edward Cannon, Robert Common and Linford Horton returned the first of the week from a two weeks stay at Camp Sherawana.

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Lynch and children of Grand Rapids, Mich., are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. C. Lynch.

A. O. Kemp drove to Waneta Lake Saturday. Mrs. Kemp, Oliver and Marian Swartz returned home with him after passing a week with Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Swartz at their cottage.

Mrs. Archie Witter and son of Sidney are visiting her mother, Mrs. Ida Baker.

Robert O'Donnell of Syracuse is passing the summer vacation with his brother and family, Dr. C. W. O'Donnell.

take steps to correct them — before the Police and Courts have to step in to protect society against them.

Perhaps a little closer supervision on the part of parents can put an end to the local vandalism before it mushrooms into real trouble—for after all when young lads are heard discussing cutting the wires to a burglar alarm so that a store can be entered easily—this can end up with serious trouble for everyone involved.

Let's hope that a word of warning will be sufficient!

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**30 YEARS AGO**

July 21, 1933

**J. H. Backus & Son, Publishers**  
Miss Mary Elizabeth Horan, 23, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Horan, died Saturday at the Jones Memorial Hospital in Wellsville of Peritonitis. Her parents and a sister survive.

John Briggs was installed Noble Grand of Andover I.O.O.F. Lodge Tuesday evening and Frederick C. Mulholland, Vice-Grand.

Miss Alice Hawks and Roy Van Schick were united in marriage Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Victor Hoagland were week-end guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Sadlee of Smethport, Pa.

Mrs. Edward Whitney, daughter, Doris and son, Edward of Royal Oak, Mich., are visiting her mother, Mrs. Jennie Flint.

Rev. and Mrs. H. B. Williams of Cleveland, Ohio were calling on Andover friends Saturday.

Mrs. R. E. Shaff and Mrs. G. A. Wereley attended a picnic for the members of the Red and White Corporation at Elmira Sunday.

Misses Jean and Eleanor Northrup are visiting their aunt at Lareyville, Pa., for a few weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Orvis Parker were overnight guests at the home of her daughter, Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Scott of Cuba.

Rev. Walter L. Greene, D.D., goes to Chicago this week where he will do post graduate work at the University of Chicago.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Williams, Mrs. Elnora Matthews, and the Misses Murial Brague and Meeta Harris motored to Keuka Lake Sunday to take in the boat races.

**Senator Keating Reports**

Many people do not realize that they can be assessed by their State for the cost of supporting an institutionalized relative who is not a legal dependent or even closely tied to the family. Many states, including New York, impose a legal obligation upon relatives to contribute to the cost of maintaining their kin as patient, resident, or inmate of a hospital, sanitarium, or other institution. However, the Federal tax laws at this time do not allow an individual to claim a tax deduction for medical expenses paid in support of a relative who is not a spouse or dependent. Last week I introduced a bill in the Senate to correct this situation.

Recently a constituent wrote advising me of a personal experience which illustrates this inequity. The constituent is the father of a married daughter who is in an institution. Under the New York State Mental Hygiene law he has been assessed twice for contributions towards her care. The daughter's husband is alive and presumably assuming responsibility. The father's future liability could run as high as \$1,800 a year, yet under the present tax law he cannot claim his daughter as a dependent, although he contributes substantially to her support.

The bill I have proposed would provide a degree of relief for this taxpayer and others like him. For the purpose of medical expense deduction his daughter would be put on the same basis as a dependent. He would be allowed to take as a deduction payments required to be made to the State for medical care expenses up to \$5,000 per taxable year.

If State law makes it a legal obligation for any relative to maintain a patient in an institution, State law in effect, creates a dependence relationship between the two that ought to be recognized as a dependency relationship for at least the limited purposes of the Federal income tax deduction for medical expenses.

This bill will lend a helping hand to those of our citizens who, under moral and legal obligation, are contributing to the support of their relatives, though they be distant and loosely tied to the family. It will help those who, even though they are responsible for helping others, may be hard pressed to meet their own living expenses. This is a matter of simple justice and I am hopeful that my bill will be approved.

Reckless driving never settles who's right—only who's left.