

**JOBS FOR KIDS**

By Alexander F. Jones, Executive Editor, Syracuse Herald-Journal

The undersecretary of labor, John F. Hennings, sees in the youth unemployment problem, already critical, one of the most explosive social questions facing the country.

He reports that in the next two or three years millions of teenage youngsters will be thrown on the labor market with little or no training and that there will be no jobs for them unless they receive additional training.

One of the things that makes my back hair stand up is to have federal or state labor department or social welfare executives sound off about unemployment of young people just out of high school or who have dropped out of school in their teens.

For these are the people, more than any others, who are responsible for the laws on the books today, both federal and state, which make it practically impossible for anyone to hire youngsters from 15 to 20 years old.

The laws on the books today governing so-called child labor are responsible, more than any other factor, in creating juvenile delinquency and youth unemployment problems.

They have made it impossible for either big industry or small business to hire youngsters without going through so much expense and red tape that employers have thrown up their hands.

Child labor laws were originally passed to prevent slavedriving violators of human laws from using real children—11 or 12 years—in mills and loft operations for long hours.

They are a necessity in an enlightened society.

But once such laws are on the books you can be absolutely certain social bleeding hearts—mostly spinsters of uncertain age and their male counterparts whose outstanding characteristics are thick glasses and dandruff—will be before the legislative committees demanding additional restrictions.

Add to this the necessity of the employer having to pay social security, unemployment insurance, make out reports on working hours and working papers and the hazards of the employment and a dozen other red tape requirements, and he decides the advantages are not worth the effort.

A boy of 15 years who wants to work in vacation time and cannot get a job because he cannot get working papers is just another kid on the streets looking for excitement—and sometimes looking for trouble.

Don't blame the business men for not hiring him. They can't.

But I do know that a boy who is spending his summers earning his first real money is gaining something that he will never lose—pride and a sense of independence.

And if he is continuing on after vacation he can often get as good training on the job, as in school.

I often wonder if these social welfare officials know anything about boys.

It is a wonderful thing to rattle the money in your pocket that you have made yourself.

The summer I was 13 I had a job pulling weeds for the Vaughan Seed Company at 50 cents a day.

The next summer—at 14—I got 75 cents a day as water boy on a sewer gang and this was increased to a \$1 a day when I promised the mayor I would not load any more dynamite.

The next summer I was a \$1.25 a day pulp scaler at the papermill—in the big money.

And then, out of high school at 16—I ran a country weekly for Mr. Drumb, who had to go to Hot Springs for his rheumatism.

Millions of American men can tell the same story and tell it with pride. Child labor, hell.

Before Mr. John F. Henning or any other labor or welfare department official can blame employment of American youth on automation or any other reason they should take a good look at the obstacles thrown in the way of employers today who would like to help deserving youngsters but who are not permitted to work to do so.

If there is anything that is badly needed in the way of legislation in New York State it is a reform of our juvenile working laws.

**Borrowed Editorial**

**Turning Back The Pages of Andover History**

(Taken from the Files of The Andover News)

**50 YEARS AGO**

August 1, 1913

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A company of relatives and intimate friends of Mr. and Mrs. William Orvis assembled at their home on Elm St. Saturday, July 26th in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Orvis's fiftieth wedding anniversary.

Michael Dean, 71, died Friday, July 26th. Six children survive.

Mrs. Elizabeth Joyce Dean, 44, died Tuesday, July 23rd. Her husband, a son and a daughter survive.

Mr. and Mrs. Hiram Boyd are receiving congratulations upon the arrival of a daughter at their home. Mrs. Loughhead is the nurse in charge.

A. M. Burrows Sons have recently constructed a new feed warehouse at the rear of their department store.

Miss Katherine Gallagher began work in the Post Office Monday. Miss Gallagher, who is also one of the "Hello Girls", divides her time between the post office and the telephone office.

Mrs. W. E. Snyder and daughter are guests at the home of Miss Inez Howard of Frewsburg, N. Y. this week.

Mrs. Miles Livermore and daughter of Peru, Ind., are guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. Hardy.

Mrs. J. S. Phillips and children of Hornell have been spending the week with her mother, Mrs. Mary Cannon of Elm St.

Ralph Rogers of Hornell spent the week-end guest of his sister, Mrs. W. E. Snyder.

**40 YEARS AGO**

July 30, 1923

J. H. Backus & Son, Publishers

Allen W. Corwin and family of Wellsville are on a two weeks motor trip to Dowagiac, Mich., where they will visit his brother, Edward Corwin.

Mrs. Georgiana Hardy of Andover and daughter, Miss Sylvia Hardy of New York City, visited at the home of Raymond Hardy of Elm Valley one day last week.

Hubert Whitney of Johnsonburg, is visiting his family on Water St., this week.

Bernie Murray of Hornell spent Saturday and Sunday with his sister, Mrs. Edna McAndrew.

Mrs. Clara Caple and daughter, Edna were week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. P. E. Caple and family of Hornell.

Miss Marion Rogers left for Whitesville Tuesday where she will spend the week guest of her cousin, Mrs. Ruth Wilson and family.

A. L. Rogers, F. S. Potter and B. B. Hann were in Belfast Wednesday to attend a business meeting of the County Firemen's Association.

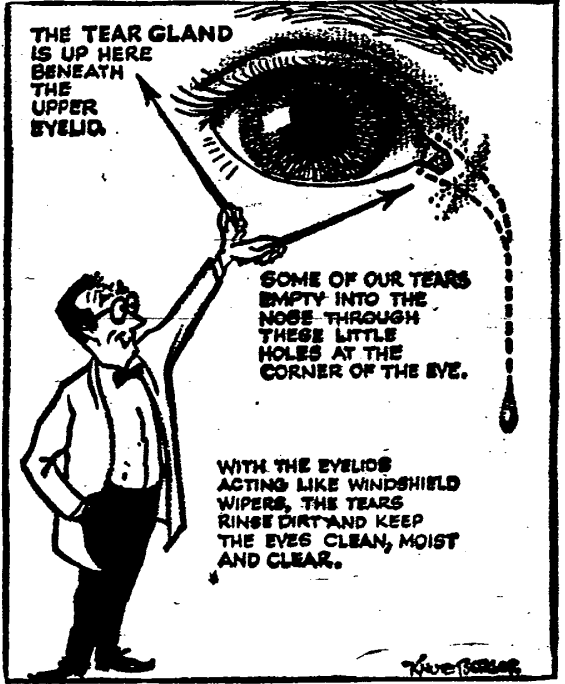
Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Thorne and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Bennett were in Belmont Sunday. Mrs. Sarah Lusk, who has been visiting there, returned with them for a visit.

Miss Belle Brundage, Misses Katherine and Emma Folsing and the Misses Annette and Ruth Taylor went to Chautauqua today. The Misses Folsing and Taylor plan to remain a week and Miss Brundage two weeks.

**Doctor Quiddity**

A Public Service Health Message

MEDICAL SOCIETY OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK



**30 YEARS AGO**

July 28, 1933

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Coming down Hardy Hill Monday afternoon after completing his mail delivery on Route 1, Edward Walsh had what might be called a fortunate accident. His steering wheel locked and he was unable to make the left turn at the foot of the hill. He hit the Alois Kellenburger barn that stood at the foot of the hill. Mr. Walsh received a cut left arm and a few bruises, but the car was a complete wreck.

Last week the newly organized Boy Scouts had their first experience of camping out. The boys, 16 in number, including assistant Roger Tuttle and the leaders, Dick Harder and Fred Mulholland set up their pup tents at Stearns Gully.

The Andover Rebekah Lodge has organized a softball team and are practicing on the Silk Mill Diamond.

At the meeting of the Subordinate Grange Wednesday evening they initiated Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Dougherty, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Dean, Miss Murial Church and James Richardson.

Cashier and Mrs. R. O. Snyder left Sunday on a vacation trip to the Chicago Century of Progress Fair. From Buffalo they made a cruise on the Great Lakes aboard the steamship Juniata.

Mrs. Carrie Slade who visited her son, Mr. and Mrs. Clarke Slade of Washington, D. C., for two weeks and Miss Ruby Hunt, also of Washington, returned to Andover with Mr. and Mrs. Roy Parker, Monday.

Leo Jackson of Oregon is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Jackson for a few days.

Mrs. Max Richardson is on the job at the Burrows National Bank after a week's vacation in Depew and Buffalo.

Florence Williams went to Buffalo Tuesday, where she is visiting at the home of her sister, Mr. and Mrs. John Williams.

Miss Katherine Folsing left Sunday for the Century of Progress Exposition at Chicago, Ill.

**Angelica Raceway, News**

The modern stock division had one thought in mind at Angelica Friday night, that being to beat Pete Tingle to the checkered flag. Don Klink was able to do it in the second heat. Charlie Thompson did it in the second semi, but it stopped right there. Tingle jumped in front on the fifth lap with Don Klink and Irv Hall in hot pursuit. As they moved up on the lap cars, Tingle opened up his lead while Klink and Hall battled for second with Floyd Green moving up in a hurry. In rapid succession Klink spun out, Green started into the third position only to collide with the back stretch hub rail and hurtled into the pits, and Hall had second place wired for a sound. Charlie Thompson brought the old Roger Ott Buick on up to the third position. Klink moved back into the running in time to salvage the fourth position. Hugh Lamphear from Corning arrived on the scene with his '56 Chevy to garner fifth.

High point amateur, Ray Jordan unveiled a sparkling new '56 Chevy with which he captured third in a heat and sixth in the feature.

The amateur feature got under way with nineteen cars only to be red flagger as half the field failed to complete the first lap. On the restart, Bob Clayson jumped into the lead and held it for four laps until the red flag appeared due to torn down light poles and a blocked back straight away. Clayson held the lead on the restart but was soon passed by Art Cartwright. Tiger Bailey from Fillmore moved into the second spot and he and Cartwright waged a wheel to wheel duel which had the fans up and screaming. They roared wheel to wheel out of the turns and bumper to bumper on the chutes with Cartwright taking the checkered flag just several feet ahead of Bailey. Bob Van Name wrapped up the third spot while LeRoy Davis and Manley Clark rounded out the top five. Out of the 19 starters in this event only one half remained at the finish.

The qualifiers had the crowd in a quandry as some new faces appeared in the winners circles and most people were in doubt as to a choice for the first five finishers to place on the ballots. Their doubts were well founded as there were no guessers even eligible for the consolation prize.

The above Editorial ties in so well with our remarks in last week's issue that we feel it is very worthy of local notice and comment.

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