

SPRING — and SAFETY FOR OUR CHILDREN With KITES and BIKES!

An Editorial

We are nearing the beginning of the kite flying season. Kites can be a danger as well as fun! One of this country's major utilities, has issued a booklet whose purpose is to make this a safe kite season. It lays down a set of simple and wise rules which when boiled down are:

Don't cross streets or highways while flying kites. Don't fly a kite with metal in the frame or tail. Don't use tinsel string, wire or any twine with metal in it. Don't fly a kite near TV or radio aerials. Don't fly a kite near electric power lines. Don't pull on the string or climb a power pole to loosen a snagged kite. Don't touch fallen electric wires. Don't fly a kite in the rain.

This is quite a list of "don'ts". But it doesn't stand in the way of the pleasure in kite flying. Fun and safety, after all, can run together.

Rules of the Road for Bicycles

Although bicycles are not motor vehicles, they are subject to the traffic rules of the New York State Vehicle and Traffic Law and bicyclists may be punished for violations.

The Department of Motor Vehicles reminds bicyclists that they are responsible for knowing and obeying the Rules of the Road for bicycles. These rules were developed to protect bicyclists, and other users of the highways, by clearly defining the rights and responsibilities of bicycle operators.

Here is a summary of the Rules of the Road for bicyclists:

Keep to right—Bicycle riders must ride as near to the right hand side of the road as possible. Unlike pedestrians, they are not to travel on the left side facing traffic. They also are not allowed to ride more than two abreast on public roads.

Bicycle paths—When there is a usable path (not a sidewalk) provided for bicycles adjacent to a road, bicycle riders must use the path rather than the road.

Equipment—The law requires bicycles to have certain equipment. If used between one-half hour after sunset to one-half hour before sunrise, a bicycle must have a headlamp showing a white light visible 500 feet to the front, and a red reflector or red light on the rear.

Every bicycle must have a bell or other signaling device which can be heard at least 100 feet away—but bicycles are not permitted to have sirens or whistles.

Brakes are required which will skid the braked wheel on dry, level, clean pavement.

One-hand driving—Bicycle riders are not allowed to carry with them any article which prevents them from keeping at least one hand on the handle bars.

Passengers—More than one rider on a bicycle is not allowed unless a seat and foot rest are provided.

Hitching rides—Bicyclists may not cling to a moving vehicle to be pulled along.

Signals—When stopping or changing direction, bicyclists must use the same hand signals used by vehicle operators: before stopping, extend the left arm out, with the elbow bent and the hand pointing down; before turning left, extend the left arm straight out with the hand pointing to the left; and before turning right, extend the left arm with the elbow bent and the hand pointing up.

PARENTS—These are the Rules of the Road for Bicycles! If you buy your child, or children, bicycles—it is your duty and obligation to see that they know these rules before you allow them to ride on the Village Streets and Highways. Then see to it that they practice them!

Turning Back The Pages of Andover History

(Taken from the Files of The Andover News)

50 YEARS AGO

April 3, 1914

J. H. Backus, Publisher Gridley, Furbman and Martin Co., of Elmira have purchased the Porter Hardware recently owned by Potter Richardson and have taken possession of the same. Mrs. D. J. Comstock, 66, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. O. Preston in Hornell last Friday after an illness of nearly a month. Surviving are her husband, a daughter and two sisters. Mrs. Nellie E. Crandall, 62, died at her home on Water Street. Surviving are a son and two brothers.

A surprise visit was given Mrs. Jennie Loughhead by the Seventh Day Baptist Church Ladies Sunday evening. Mrs. Loughhead is moving from Andover to Knoville Pa.

Scott Prest and John Oakes have purchased a farm three miles this side of Bath. Mr. and Mrs. Prest will move to the farm the first of the week.

Franklin Cannon and Mrs. S. S. Philips were called to Andover this week by the illness of their mother, Mrs. Mary Cannon.

Mrs. J. C. Lever is visiting relatives in Buffalo and Ashville this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Archie Monte and family have returned to Andover from Haverstraw, N. Y. Mr. Monte will work in the Silk Mill.

Miss Kate Joyce is visiting relatives and friends in Albany and New York City.

40 YEARS AGO

March 21, 1924.

County American Legion Auxiliary President Mrs. Bert Thomas of Belmont was in Andover Tuesday to organize a local auxiliary to the Legion Post. The meeting was held at the home of Mrs. R. E. Temple. Officers elected were: Mrs. Ila Snyder, President; Mrs. Esther Temple, Secretary; Miss Anna Gallagher, Treasurer.

Major and Mrs. C. C. Demmer were Monday guests of Mr. and Mrs. B. S. Brundage. The Major has been transferred from Buffalo to El Paso, Texas. They leave Saturday for Texas.

Robert O'Donnell, who was called to Andover by the death of Mrs. C. W. O'Donnell, returned to Syracuse Monday.

Mrs. Mary Cady and son of Penn Yan were week-end guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Guy Wood.

Carroll Tucker of Rochester spent the week-end guest at the home of his sister, Mrs. E. D. Baker.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Holmes and daughters were week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Burgett of Perry.

Mr. and Mrs. Francis Casey and his mother Mrs. Ellen Casey were Monday guests of Mrs. John Casey of Dansville.

30 YEARS AGO

March 16, 1934

J. H. Backus & Son, Publishers. Miss Anna O'Leary, 64, died Friday, March 9, at the home of her brother, J. A. O'Leary of Dyke Street. Her brother and a sister survive.

Word was received Monday from the Postal Department that the bid of Mrs. C. E. Brown for the site of Andover Post Office has been accepted.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Nobles have moved from their farm in Shovel Hollow to their home on Rochambeau Ave.

Mrs. G. A. Wereley is passing the week with her mother, Mrs. Rose Snyder of Hornell.

Mrs. Lyle Mulconery, Mrs. Charles Hammond and Mrs. R. E. Shaff attended the Rebekah Conference Club held at Alfred Thursday.

Conrad Church of Junior College at Bath and Miss Doris Church of Campbell visited their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert

Motorcycle And Go-Cart Racing At Rochester War Memorial Saturday

Larry McKnight of Henrietta, N. Y., holder of regional, state and international titles and records heads the entry list of Go-Cart drivers scheduled to compete on a combination racing card at the Rochester War Memorial Saturday, March 28.

Scheduled on the same program are motorcycle races, sanctioned by the American Motorcycle Association and featuring the champion riders from Western New York and the Atlantic Seaboard.

Entered with 17-year-old McKnight are "Dutch" Go-Cart champions Van Hornum, Rogan Gillette, Willie Lehart, Dick Leppert and Charlie Durck, all from the Rochester area. Go-Carts, a chain-saw 2-cycle engine on a steel tubular frame, first were introduced in California in 1958 but since have bloomed into a multi-million dollar nationwide sport.

McKnight, besides taking national and state championships, won a title in Canadian-U.S. competition in 1963.

The famed Robineon brothers from Spencerport, N. Y. will be the main standard-bearers for Western New York hopes in the cycle competition. Norm Robinson, though only 17, is rated No. 1 rider in this region and holds the New York State Pennsylvania dual title. His two brothers, Bob and Tom, both former New York State champs, also have placed among the top three in national competitions.

Time trials will begin at 7 p. m. and races at 8.

\$47,696 Benefits Paid Allegany County Aged By NY 65 Health Plan

New Open Enrollment During Month of April

Allegany County residents 65 and over have already received approximately \$47,696 in health insurance benefit payments from the New York 65 Health Insurance Association, according to Merton D. Miller, president of the 49-company group. He also called attention to New York 65's new open enrollment period scheduled for the entire month of April.

Commenting on the open enrollment, Mr. Miller said: "This means that those 65 and over will once more be eligible to sign up for New York 65 health insurance protection. Spouses of enrollees 65 or over are also eligible regardless of age. No physical examination is required. Two plans are available: (1) basic health and hospital coverage; and (2) major medical protection. Details may be obtained from any agent or broker licensed to sell health insurance in the state or directly from New York 65, 101 West 51st Street, New York, N. Y. 10019.

"Total benefits paid to New York State elderly residents since New York 65 was started in October 1962 were over \$13,000,000. This amount was paid for 62,000 claims filed by more than 28,000 individuals," he continued. "These figures are ample proof that New York 65 is meeting a real need and is making a substantial contribution towards solving the vexing problems of helping to pay the medical and hospital costs for the aged.

"The new open enrollment period from April 1 to 30 is expected

to close over the week-end.

Clay Jordan has returned to St. Louis, Mo., after several days in Andover on business.

Albany Report

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

Ringling down the curtain on another Legislative session in Albany, presumably before the week is out, will pass the usual cries of alarm based upon the unseemly haste with which the Legislature is closing its doors.

Meetings around the clock and heavy-eyed legislators, apparently not sure what they are voting on, will prompt critics to shout for a change in the system.

How much time should the Legislature spend on the State's business? Is the average three-month session adequate to consider 10,000 bills and pass, perhaps, 1,000 laws? There are no sure answers to these questions. But in truth, the confusion of the closing days of each year's session after hales what is actually a fairly orderly process.

To begin with, the early part of the session is largely taken up with the work of committees which debate, select and reject bills that haven't seen the light of day. When bills are filed, they receive a certain amount of publicity. If they were immediately thrust upon the floor to stand or fall, the citizens of the state wouldn't have a chance to express their opinions as they now do. Thus controversial legislation seldom is voted upon until late in the session, and the flood of routine bills that go through in the early days give people the idea that the Legislature takes it easy until they're about ready to go home.

Another reason for the quick tempo in the final days is that no money bills can be passed until after the budget has been approved. The budget is submitted about Feb. 1 and a month or more is consumed by the necessary hearings and discussion on it. Because of tight budgets and close-hauled sailing on taxes, there is frequently a comparatively short period of time to put all the money bills into operation after the budget is approved and before the State's fiscal year starts on April 1. So our haste usually stems from a tight time-table rather than confusion.

Actually, our sessions are better planned now than they used to be, the old timers tell me. Certainly we haven't been driven beyond the point of endurance by the work load.

But it is almost inevitable that the sessions will become longer as the problems of State finance and the scope of State government require more deliberation. Possibly a divided session will be the answer. Perhaps it will take the form of increasing the role of the joint legislative committees which have a year-long responsibility for formulating legislative programs.

In any event, the legislative process in New York State seems destined for lengthening in some way, although it won't be just those final days of apparent confusion that force the issue.

to add to the 111,000 elderly New York State residents already protected by the plan. Other states with 65 health insurance plans in operation are California, Connecticut, Massachusetts and Texas. Plans are also under way to launch a bi-state 65 plan in North Carolina and Virginia. Ohio has also just announced the formation of a 65 plan.

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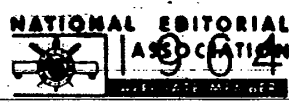
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