

PARENTS —

How About The Safety Of Your Children?

An Editorial

Parents — have you given any thought to the dangers of winter sports for both the small fry as well as your older children?

Do you allow small children to play outdoors without being supervised? Do you allow the older children to go skating, skiing or sliding down hill alone?

With the type of weather we have been having the last few weeks, do you realize what COULD happen?

In an area Newspaper this week we read the headline in a news item: "7 year old child falls thru ice and drowns". The child was playing on the ice in a nearby creek or pond! Do we have that danger present here in Andover!

Another danger that we have noticed the last few days: There are some piles of snow along the streets where driveways have been plowed or shoveled out. In several of these mounds of snow we have seen holes burrowed out as if children have been making snow houses out of them. But, with the streets as slippery as they are — what would happen to a small child in one of these snow houses if a car skidded and slid into it? Even if the snow house was out in a backyard — what would happen if an older child jumped on it? More than likely the roof would cave in and the occupant could easily be smothered!

Now how about the older children? Surely they can take care of themselves! But can they if they are alone?

We can think back and remember what happened to a High School Senior in Wayland that was a friend of ours! "Don" loved to ski and if he couldn't find someone to go with him — would go out alone.

One day after school, under present weather conditions, he went skiing — and didn't come home for supper! His mother, a widow who had to work and support the family, became worried and enlisted the help of the neighbors to form a searching party.

Luckily they found Donald before it was too late. For in another few minutes he would have bled to death or else frozen to death. Yes, they found him unconscious — lying where he had fallen when one of his skis had gone through the crust on the snow with a deep gash from his ankle to his hip — bleeding badly — and also suffering from a broken hip!

Could this tragedy have been avoided? Yes, if someone had prevented him from going skiing when there was a deep crust on the snow.

What was the result of this unfortunate accident? "Don" was laid up for 3 or 4 months in a hospital and at home — and by missing this much school was unable to graduate and had to return the next year. But that was his cross to bear — what about his poor mother? In order to pay for his hospital expenses, expensive operations, and medical care — she ended up having to sell their home and find different living quarters for the family. Was a few minutes worth of sport worth all of this heart-ache for the entire family?

We have often heard the trite expression that "experience is the best teacher" — but we feel that in most cases it is the most expensive! And in many cases the most tragic!

Parents, how much better it would be, to refuse to allow your children to do things that you feel are unsafe — than to have to regret giving them permission to do something that both you, and they, will have to suffer for, the rest of your lives?



50 YEARS AGO

January 23, 1920

J. H. Backus, Publisher

Word has been received by Andover friends Tuesday of the death of Rev. W. H. Randall, a former resident and pastor of Andover Baptist Church, on Monday.

Thomas Williams entertained a company of his school-mates at his home Saturday evening, January 17th in honor of his twelfth birthday.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Eggert on South Hill, was the scene of festivity Friday evening, January 16th, when thirty-five guests gathered to celebrate their twenty-five wedding anniversary.

Mr. and Mrs. George Willis are parents of a son, George Edward, born Saturday, January 17th.

Roger Crandall has been appointed supervisor of Andover to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of C. E. Brown.

Wednesday night was the coldest night we have had this winter so far with 20 degrees below zero.

Miss Anna Gallagher has tendered her resignation as operator at the Telephone Exchange to take effect the first of March.

Louis Dean returned to his home on South Hill Saturday after a two weeks visit in Philadelphia.

Due to the severe cold and deep snow Miss Celia Riley, teacher at the Elm Valley School, is staying the week with Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Pardon.

Miss Jennie Franklin, of Hornell, who has been spending a few days with Mrs. E. V. Green of Tip Top, returned to her home Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. G. N. Martin of Alfred and Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Baker of Tip Top, celebrated their wedding anniversaries at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Baker, Saturday.

I. D. Clarke of Whitesville, spent the week end with his parents Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Clarke of Andover.

Mrs. R. B. Burrows has returned from several weeks visit at the home of her son, F. W. Burrows of New York City.

Miss Mary White returned the last of the week from a visit at the home of her sister, Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Harrington of Buffalo.

J. P. Smith has returned from several weeks stay in Kentucky oil fields where he went in the interest of the company for which he is drilling.

Mrs. Clara Crandall, who has been passing some time in Colorado, and with her grandson, Sidney Crandall of Wellsville, has been visiting Andover friends this week.

40 YEARS AGO

January 17, 1930

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Mrs. Melvina Yentzer Baker, 67, died Monday evening, January 13. Her husband, two daughters, a brother and a sister survive. Interment was in Hillside Cemetery.

The farm residence of James P. Dean on Pingrey Hill, occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Works, burned to the ground Monday evening.

Mrs. Mila Pingrey has purchased of the estate, the residence of the late Mrs. Ila Clarke on First Street.

Mr. Collins of Olean has purchased the oil rights of the A. M. Mingus estate from Mrs. Mila Pingrey of Andover.

Howard Brewster of West Greenwood is visiting relatives in Hornell and Stephens Mills for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Edwards are spending two weeks with relatives at Elmira and Horseheads.

Mr. and Mrs. O. D. Severn and family of Andover, visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Leach, of Whitesville over the week-end.

Mrs. Michael Cannon returned Thursday after spending several days with her sister in Buffalo.

Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Kaple were guests last week of Mr. and Mrs. Allen Witter of Almond.

Miss Edna Caple came down from Buffalo Saturday and passed the week-end with her mother,

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by Alex Rankin

By this time the members of the 1970 state legislature have settled down to the business of working on the massive stacks of bills in front of them. In spare moments they dream of Spring and the end of the session.

Governor Rockefeller has given his annual message on the opening day, and the reaction to it was mild — for the good reason that there was so much in it. It was his longest message since he has been in office, and it contained something better than 115 recommendations for legislation.

"The reporter for the newspaper in my area came around after the speech", one legislator from Western New York was heard telling a colleague in a Capitol elevator the other day, "and I said Look, I know you are going to ask me for my reaction to the governor's message but let's skip it this time. All I am going to tell you is that I like the things in it that my area likes and I'm not going to like the things the people there don't".

Most legislators anyway are waiting to see the specific bills from the governor's office before they open their mouths.

Rockefeller said this session should look ahead, that the past

10 years have brought rapid changes in all areas of life. The changes, he said, have produced two significant effects.

"First, uncertainty, insecurity and fear," he said, and "secondly, a weakening of traditional moral values, guidelines and restraints." Society, he said, has witnessed an increase in juvenile delinquency, the use of drugs, crime and violence.

"This in turn has caused increased fear, bitterness and polarization in our society," he said, but on the other hand, "there are also very positive forces developing." More and more, he said, "people, and especially young people, are questioning hypocrisy and injustice in our society."

They are also questioning, he added, "the mad scramble for material progress which, unless checked, may well be on the way to despoiling our environment."

Thus, said the governor, "the danger that apathy, selfishness and indifference could engulf and destroy our affluent society is being challenged by a rebirth of idealism and concern."

The challenge, said Rockefeller, "is to create a framework to shape forces of change so they serve our goals instead of overwhelming us."

Mrs. F. L. Hann.

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Cannon are in New York City this week, guests of relatives and purchasing goods for the Cannon Department Store.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Cochran, of Dowagiac, Michigan, were Saturday and Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd L. Hann.

Hon. J. S. Phillips of New York City, attended the annual meeting of the Burrows National Bank Tuesday.

William Henry of Clark, South Dakota, is visiting at the home of his cousins, Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Orvis and his aunt, Mrs. M. A. Orvis. Mr. Clark was a former resident of Andover, going to South Dakota 40 years ago.

Mrs. Lynn Hammond returned to New York City Friday, after a two weeks visit with relatives at Hornell and Andover.

Mrs. Mary Bunker is passing a few days with friends and relatives at Greenwood and Canisteo.

Mr. and Mrs. William Adams have rented rooms in the Killenburger house on Water Street.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Heimborg of Buffalo, arrived in Andover Wednesday and are spending a few days at the home of Mrs. Elnora Matthews.

30 YEARS AGO

January 18, 1940

Claire C. Backus, Publisher

Mrs. Emma Collins Burdick, 74, died Wednesday, January 17, at her home on the Alndover-Alfred Road. Her husband and two sons survive. Interment was in Alfred Rural Cemetery.

Charles Nevel was installed as Master of Andover Lodge No. 558, F. & A. M., Monday evening by Past Master B. B. Hann, assisted by John M. DeRemer.

E. H. Higby was installed as Noble Grand of Andover I.O.O. F. Lodge Tuesday evening by District Deputy Grand Master Raymond Stevens and Staff of Friendship.

Mr. and Mrs. Morris Goodridge of Elm Valley are the parents of a son, born Friday, January 12th.

Mrs. Althea Payne of Jasper is passing a few days at the home of her son, Gordon Payne of Elm Valley.

Wilfred Radcliff is spending a few days with his uncle, Sylvester King.

Thirty neighbors surprised Mr. and Mrs. Abram Slocum at their home on Voorhees Hill Saturday evening and celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary with them.

A terrific wind storm Sunday did considerable damage to blowing off roofing, out windows and

limbs from trees besides blocking most of the rural roads.

John Calkins of Hartsville is spending a few days at the home of Elvin Clark.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Bassett of Buffalo spent a few days with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Bassett this week. They were enroute to Philadelphia for a few days visit.

Mr. and Mrs. John Swarts and daughter, Reva June of West Greenwood, were callers Saturday at the home of her sister, Mr. and Mrs. A. O. Kemp.

Mrs. Lena Childs of Hornell passed the week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. Will Childs.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Perry, son and daughter of Alfred visited at the home of their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Halsey, Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. I. H. Gilfillan and James McDonough are attending the Pennsylvania State Farm Show being held in Harrisburg, Pa., this week. Mr. Gilfillan is judge of Maple Products.

Miner Green of Nile passed Wednesday and Thursday guest of Mayor and Mrs. H. E. Livermore.

Mrs. Cora Potter has returned from Allentown where she spent several days with her sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Robbins.

Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Scott of Cuba spent Friday guests of her mother and sister, Mrs. O. C. Parker and Mr. and Mrs. Hervey Thorne.

Employment Tax Return Due

Employers have an important tax deadline Monday, February 2, 1970.

This is the last day for reporting Social Security and withheld income taxes for the calendar quarter ended December 31, 1969, according to John E. Foley, District Director, Internal Revenue Service, Buffalo.

Employers who received a pre-addressed Form 941, "Employer's Quarterly Federal Tax Return," should use this form to report their tax liability.

If the balance due on the return is over \$100, it should be deposited in an approved commercial bank or Federal Reserve Bank using Federal Tax Deposit Form 501.

February 2 is also the last day for reporting and paying Federal Unemployment Tax for 1969. Employers liable for this tax should file form 940.

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