

A YEARLY PHOENIX REARS ITS UGLY HEAD!

An Editorial

How many parents have warned their children about how dangerous the practice of throwing snowballs can be?

How many parents have told their sons not to throw snowballs at other people's property, girls and small children as well as automobiles?

How many parents even realize what laws their children are breaking when they stand on Main Street and throw a barrage of snowballs at a passing School Bus or at Autos as they go by?

Would these same parents let their children hurl an object the same size as a baseball and just as heavy at their auto, themselves or their small daughters?

We doubt it very much but apparently they haven't done anything about stopping their sons from annoying, disturbing, scaring, interfering with, and being offensive to other people — their children — property — as well as automobiles.

TO BEGIN WITH — it's a serious offense to throw anything at a moving vehicle on the road — be it a car, School Bus, Truck or what have you.

The offense is covered both by a village ordinance as well as the penal law of the State of New York.

The village law under Public Safety in Section 2 states that: No person shall throw glass, stones, sticks, SNOWBALLS or other missiles upon, into or across any of the streets under penalty of the law.

Also under the penal law of the State of New York anyone throwing snowballs may be charged with disorderly conduct since the law states: Any person who with intent to provoke a breach of the peace, or whereby a breach of the peace may be occasioned, commits any of the following acts shall be deemed to have committed the offense of disorderly conduct:

Par. 2. Acts in such a manner as to annoy, disturb, interfere with, or be offensive to others.

Par. 723 of the Penal Law states that the offense of Disorderly Conduct is punishable as follows:

1. By imprisonment in a County Jail or Workhouse for a term not exceeding 6 months, or by a fine not exceeding \$50 or both.

2. By placing on probation for a term not to exceed 2 years.

Any minor committing the above acts is naturally subject to these laws the same as a grown-up.

This winter the weather has been so cold that it has not been very conducive to making snowballs.

However, with the arrival of warmer weather this week we have noticed an outbreak of "snowballing."

We have seen large "man-size" students throwing snowballs at girls and small children on their way home from school thereby scaring as well as hurting them.

Do you suppose the parents of these "Big Bullies" have enough money to pay for the pain and suffering if one of these snowballs should put out a small child's eye or break an eardrum?

Don't forget a snowball is a missile the size of a baseball and can weigh as much or more, so will strike with the same force and do as much damage!

We have also seen these same young men throw a barrage of snowballs at a passing School Bus as well as Autos and passing Trucks.

Who could pay for the damage if the driver of a vehicle would lose control and crash into another car or hit a pedestrian injuring them or killing them?

IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY AND DUTY OF THE PARENTS TO SEE THAT THEIR CHILDREN BEHAVE THEMSELVES AND OBEY THE LAWS, RULES AND REGULATIONS OF OUR SOCIETY!

Let's hope that the necessary action is taken before any irreparable damage results!



50 YEARS AGO

February 27, 1930

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Burt Dewey Grossman, 22, died at his home in Independence, Monday, February 25th from pneumonia. Three brothers and four sisters survive. Interment was in Independence Cemetery.

Mrs. David (Florence) Hunt, 66, died at her home in Andover Saturday, February 21st. Her husband, a son, a sister and a brother survive.

Isaac M. Tuller, 34, a former resident of Andover, died Saturday at Ridgeway, Pa. His parents, a brother and two sisters survive. Interment was in Hillside Cemetery, Andover, Monday.

Mrs. Isabelle Gallagher, 60, a former resident of Andover, died Sunday at her home in Hornell. Her husband, James, and seven children survive. Interment was in St. John's Cemetery, Andover.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Smith of Elm Valley, are planning to move this coming week to a farm near Bainbridge N. Y.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Lehman are parents of a son, George Lesley, born February 15th.

Margaret E. Long Corbett, 72, died February 25th at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Charles Burdick of East Valley. Interment was in Hartsville Cemetery.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Nevel of Elm Valley, are parents of a daughter, Marjory Ethel, born last week.

Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Wood of Oswego, are guests this week at the home of his sister, Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Baker.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Potter of Buffalo, and Mrs. Ray Joslyn of Machias, were week-end visitors at the home of their uncle, Glenn Ruger.

Mr. and Mrs. P. M. Swink visited Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Smith at Coudersport, Pa., from Tuesday until Friday. Mr. Swink attended the 47th reunion of the Coudersport Consistory.

Mrs. Harold D. Hardy is spending the week-end guest of Miss Alice Robbins of Whitesville.

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Cannon are spending a few days in New York City on business.

G. W. Kemp of Buffalo is spending a few days visiting his brother, Francis Kemp.

Belle Lee Ingraham, 54, died Thursday, February 19th at her home on Barney Street. Her husband, two sons and a daughter survive. Interment was in Hillside Cemetery.

40 YEARS AGO

February 21, 1930

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Mr. and Mrs. James Gavin are parents of a son, born Saturday, February 15th.

Homer W. Burger, 33, a former Andover resident, died Friday, February 14th at his newly purchased farm in Wilkesville, N. Y. A son, a daughter, his mother, a sister and two brothers survive. Interment was in Candor.

Praeger Bros. have finished their harvest from the Andover Ponds. One hundred and twenty-six cars were cut and loaded this year.

John Burns, who has been living on the David Hunt farm for several years, has rented the Dr. C. W. O'Donnell residence on Church Street and will move his family there soon.

Mrs. John Daniher of Wells-ville spent a few days last week at the home of her daughter, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Dougherty of South Hill.

Mrs. Fred Brewster and Idanette of West Greenwood, are visiting relatives in Hornell and Stephens Mills this week.

Mrs. Pearl Davis has rented her farm on Davis Hill to Mr. and Mrs. E. Carson, who will take possession at once.

Mrs. James Wallace spent several days last week with her daughter, Mrs. Flay Pease of West Greenwood.

Mrs. Carl Tracy and Leona spent from Friday until Sunday

Republican Assembly Speaker Perry B. Duryea Jr., of Monticello, L. I., seems to have come up with a good plan to lower the voting age — or at least let the voters have a say.

And that is one of its good points.

At first there were a lot of jokes going around the State Capitol about the bill. But after the 1928 vote in November, and reports were looking for four-year-olds to interview.

That is because, if everything went right, children who are today four years old would, under Duryea's bill, be able to vote in 1934.

But the plan has serious merit and perhaps only one drawback.

Perry's bill is a constitutional amendment that would through a series of steps give the vote to the 18-year-old in 1934 — if the voters approved.

Constitutional amendments must be passed by two separate sessions of the state Legislature — with an election of legislators in between. The governor's signature is not needed.

Perry's bill would work this way.

The Legislature would pass the amendment this year. Then there would be the election in November. Then it would pass the Legislature next year and go on the statewide referendum ballot that November.

If the voters approved, the voting age would be lowered to 20. Those 20 and over would be able to vote in the 1932 presidential elections.

Voter approval in November, 1931 would also trigger an automatic clause in the Duryea amend-

with Mrs. William Pease of Andover.

C. D. Erskine returned to the home of his daughter, Mrs. Frank Slocum of Shovel Hollow, Friday, after spending a few days visiting his daughter, Mrs. Clifton Hamilton of Seio.

Mrs. Lizzie Ruggins is passing some time with her sister, Mrs. W. J. McAndrew at the farm north of Andover.

D. K. Porter of Buffalo is visiting his daughter, Mrs. E. A. Richardson and family and greeting Andover friends this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Ansel Patterson of Smethport, Pa., were week-end guests at the home of her brother, Mr. and Mrs. William Lang.

Jesse Corwin of Dowagiac, Mich., arrived in Andover the last of the week for a visit with relatives.

Mrs. H. L. Mounett and son of Clearwater, Fla., are visiting at the home of her sister, Mr. and Mrs. V. C. Sweet.

Henry Horan went to Schenectady Monday where he is visiting at the home of his son, Dean Horan and family.

Clarke Slade returned Tuesday to his home in Florida after passing a few days with his mother, Mrs. Carrie Slade of Independence.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Holmes were called to Clarksville last week by the death of his father, George Holmes.

Clayton and William Burger were called to Wilkesville, N. Y., Friday by the death of their brother, Homer Burger.

30 YEARS AGO

February 22, 1940

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Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Goodridge are parents of a son, James Paul, born Monday, February 21.

The farm home of Mr. and Mrs. John McAllister in West Union, burned to the ground early Thursday morning, February 15th.

Mr. and Mrs. Victor Perkins of Hornell spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Burritt Perkins of Voorhees Hill.

Raymond Lewis of Voorhees Hill, attended the Farm and Home

meeting. The plan says that if the voters approve the bill, the age would be lowered to 20 in 1934. If the voters reject the bill, the age would stay at 21.

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The rest of the amendment is provided that if the voters approve in 1931, the question of whether or not to lower the voting age to 18 shall automatically go on the ballot six years later, in 1937.

If the voters in 1937 reject the proposal, the voting age stays at 19.

The only objection is that six-year intervals seems a little long.

But Duryea said this was done to get the experience of presidential elections on the record so that voters can see how youth is behaving at the pool.

On the question of practical politics, the bill's outlook is not too good in the Senate this year.

Republican Senate Majority Leader Earl W. Brydges of Niagara Falls, along with a number of other Senators, have held for some time that if you are going to lower the voting age, then the so-called "age of majority" should also be lowered. This means such things as elimination of special court rights for youths, giving them the right (how's that?) to contract debt and so forth.

Duryea said that would require about 700 changes in existing law — too much work to do in one year. Do it next year, he says.

The question is whether Brydges & Co. will accept "next year" as reasonable.

Week sessions at Ithaca the first of the week.

Miss Lucille Eells of Canisteo is spending a few days with Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Woodworth and family.

Town Clerk, Mrs. Florence Bloss is attending the Annual Meeting of the Association of Towns held in Albany this week.

Fay E. Boyd and Almon Wood are in Rochester this Wednesday and Thursday in attendance at the Annual Convention of the New York State Retail Hardware Dealers' Association.

The Misses Veronica and Virginia Hyland, who were called home by the illness and death of their father, Edward Hyland, returned to their home in New York City Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Franklin West of Elkland, Pa., visited her sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Marvel over the week-end.

Mrs. Mable Ormsby of Alfred spent from Tuesday until Thursday with Mr. and Mrs. Otto Nye and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Slocum and daughter of Wells-ville are passing the week at the home of her sister, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Smith.

Mrs. Elsie Hoffman of Elmira passed the weekend with her mother and brother, Mrs. Grace Wagner and Clarence Wagner.

Mrs. Clarence Snedeker has returned to her home in Andover after a two weeks trip to Arkansas.

Six busses are bringing a total of 204 children from surrounding districts to Andover Central School. The bus drivers and routes are: Bus No. 1, David McKay, Elm Valley - Duffy Hollow Road; Bus No. 2, Edward Kilbane, Independence Road, Davis Hill and Shovel Hollow Roads; Bus No. 3, Robert Shirey, Independence Rd.; Bus No. 4, Edwin Alderson, East Valley Road, Railroad Valley; Bus No. 5, Rollin Scott, Slocum Hill Road, Baker Road and Indian Creek Road; Bus No. 6 Vivian Sweet, Alfred, Elm Valley, Pingrey Hill Road.

In 1956 a law was passed designating the sugar maple as the official New York State tree.

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