

WHERE DID THE SUMMER GO? An Editorial



We have reached the "I don't know where the summer went" season. Fall lies just around the corner. The unofficial demarcation that most of us live by is Labor Day and the opening of school. The two come so closely together that Labor Day, which this year is on September 7, has become the traditional occasion for end-of-summer family outings.

Whether we realize it or not, we seem to have reached a paradox of sorts. How else can the endless stream of costly playthings — campers, boats, motor-scooters and pullman-size vehicles — that will take to the road this coming Labor Day be explained? As far as material possessions go, no people have ever enjoyed abundance on such mass scale. Labor Day is a fitting time to recall that it has been the unique combination of American Labor and American capital that has made this abundance possible. The objective of youngsters that will be returning to school on the heels of Labor Day should be to learn how to live with the good things of life that have come from the efforts of previous generations.

Perhaps in the classroom greater attention should be given to matters of the spirit, respect for persons and property and obedience to the laws of the land. After all, these are the foundation of the blessings we enjoy today.

Then too, with a long week-end coming up over Labor Day, motorists will be slaughtering each other on the nation's highways — with an excess of traffic on our roads, so special attention should be given to vehicles and — by drivers.

The State Traffic Council warns that in New York and the nation, there will be over 600 fatalities and at least 20,000 disabling injuries due to traffic accidents.

Surely this chilling prediction deserves more than just cursory attention, so here is a list of measures to take for road safety:

"FIRST, before you start on a trip make sure your car is safe — that its brakes, lights, signal devices, windshield wipers, exhaust system, and steering mechanism — are working properly. Check to make sure all tires, including the spare, are in good condition.

"SECOND, keep the space in front of the rear window clear, so that the driver has full vision from the rear and sides as well as forward. Pack the car's interior to prevent objects from becoming dangerous projectiles in case of a sudden stop or a collision.

"THIRD, carry along a good first aid kit and some flares, flashing signals, or other warning devices.

"FOURTH, use your safety belts at all times.

"FIFTH, take a break from the road every two hours or so, in order to keep alert.

"SIXTH, make allowances for the unpredictable acts of other drivers. Drive defensively.

"SEVENTH, check tires for cuts and other damage after travelling over bumpy, rocky roads before returning to turnpike speeds.

"NINTH, don't drink before driving; don't drive after drinking.

"LAST BUT NOT LEAST, observe speed limits as posted and heed signs and highway markings. When the weather is bad, adjust to a slower and safer speed. Stay on your (right) side of a double line on the highway. Crossing it to pass another car is both dangerous and illegal."

And Have a HAPPY HOLIDAY WEEK-END!

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50 YEARS AGO

August 29, 1920

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About 100 relatives attended the Clarke family reunion held Tuesday, August 17th at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Trowbridge on West Greenwood Street.

Fred Snyder of Kansas City, is in Andover for a ten day visit with relatives and friends.

Mrs. Lena Collins of Olean was the guest of Mrs. Estella Richardson Monday and Tuesday.

Mrs. Chas. Earley returned home Saturday from a visit with her mother, Mrs. Louise Bubank of Sedo.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Boyd returned to Batavia Wednesday after spending a week visiting Andover relatives.

Mrs. Edward Hyland and daughter, Virginia, and Miss Ellen Driscoll are visiting Miss Veronica Hyland at Washington, D. C. this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Lorenzo Scribner of Greenwood have been visiting their son-in-law, A. L. Rogers and other Andover relatives a few days this week.

Dorr Richmond returned home Sunday from Whitesville, where he has been employed in the powdered milk plant in that place.

J. Harvey Backus is in New York City this week in attendance at the I.O.O.F. State Convention, as delegate from Andover Lodge No. 786.

Mrs. T. R. Bassett returned to her home in Albany Saturday after two weeks visit with relatives and friends in Andover and vicinity.

Mr. and Mrs. Hayden Rogers and son and daughter and Mrs. Alice Rogers were visitors at Fort Plain, N. Y. several days last week.

Norman Rogers of Whitesville was in Andover Monday, leaving on Train 8 for New York City to represent Whitesville Lodge 1. O. O. F.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Gill of Little Valley, are guests of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Gill, Jr., of Dyke Street, this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Erwin D. Baker, daughter, Ella Adelaide and Miss Helen Baker left Andover Sunday for Bethlehem, N. H., where they will enjoy a six weeks vacation.

Miss Elizabeth Folsing, accompanied by Miss Laura Stanard of New York City, are guests at the home of Miss Folsing's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Michael Folsing.

Mr. and Mrs. Fay Bloss and daughter returned to their home in South Bend, Ind., Saturday after spending a short vacation at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Bloss.

E. P. Rogers returned home from Texas Friday night for a short visit.

40 YEARS AGO

August 22, 1930

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William W. Pingrey, 63, died Friday, August 15th in the Jamestown General Hospital. His wife, a daughter, two sons, two brothers and his step-mother survive. Burial was in Hillside Cemetery, Andover.

The 20th annual reunion of the descendants of Skelton Felton Robinson was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Emmett Robinson, Wednesday, August 13th.

Miss Doris C. Stimson and William H. Loughhead were united in marriage Saturday, August 16th by Rev. E. D. Barnes of Illion.

Clayton C. Clarke, 50, died Monday, August 18. His wife, a son, his mother, and two brothers survive. Burial was in Hillside Cemetery, Andover.

Gertrude McCormick spent a couple of days last week with Mrs. Lewis Waters.

Mrs. Lilly Prentice of Alfred is spending a few weeks at the home of L. A. Potter of Independence.

Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Clarke, Stephen and Francis, H. H. Hawks, L. S. Bassett, Will Densmore, John Illig, Floyd and Decatur and La-Frome Clarke of Independence attended the potato tour Tuesday and Wednesday.

ALBANY

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by Alex Rautke

Governor Rockefeller recently laid the groundwork for months of loud debate at next year's session of the state Legislature with his suggestion of a high speed railroad across the state from New York City to Buffalo.

The idea is a good one, but critics are going to remind him — constantly and loudly — about the questionable success of the Metropolitan Transportation Authority in New York City and its suburbs.

Critics charge the MTA is insensitive to the public — and the service is lousy.

The Rockefeller administration is studying the possibility of using turbo-trains that would cut the time table by 40 per cent.

Right now a "concept study" is being made.

More studies must follow, such as one to determine what the market would be for such a railroad, which would for the most part use existing Penn Central tracks.

A spokesman for the state Department of Transportation said it

would take from three to five years to get the trains into operation.

Right now they are talking about cutting an hour off the run from New York City to Albany and three hours off the run to Buffalo.

It now takes two hours and 40 minutes to go to Albany and seven and a half hours to get to Buffalo on the Penn Central trains.

And the department is talking about financing the turbo-trains through a public agency then leasing it to a private company for the actual operation.

That, of course, raises the old "first instance appropriation" gimmick charge made every year in the Legislature — and to which no one listens, though they should.

So far the state, through the Legislature, has given the Long Island Railroad upwards of \$100 million through the gimmick. The term "first instance" means the money will be paid back into the state treasury in that fiscal year.

As far as I know, the LIRR has yet to pay back a penny.

Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Clarke of Rochester, are spending a few days with his father, H. M. Clarke, of Independence.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Brutsman of Olean are doing some work at their farm on West Greenwood, recently purchased from Mrs. P. E. Stephens.

Miss Delores Hyland, a student nurse at the St. James Mercy Hospital in Hornell, spent last week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Mike Hyland of West Greenwood.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Dennis of Hornell, were Saturday and Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Dean of South Hill.

Mrs. Frank Ryan and son, Francis of Allegany, are spending the week end of her mother, Mrs. M. Mulcahy.

Rev. and Mrs. W. L. Greene, daughter, Eleanor and Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Crandall of Independence, left Monday for Salem, W. Va., where they are attending the Seventh Day Baptist General Conference in session there this week.

Mr. and Mrs. R. O. Snyder and family and Mrs. W. F. Snyder motored to Madison, Conn., this week where they will visit their sister and daughter, Mrs. Neil Sinclair.

Miss Carrie Hinchey of Elmira is visiting relatives and friends in Elm Valley and Andover for a few days.

Mrs. Mary Bunker spent the week-end guest of her daughter, Mrs. Otis Vanderhoef at Greenwood.

Mr. and Mrs. George Stephens of Leonia, N. J., are visiting at the home of Jesse Snyder and their niece, Miss Dorothea Snyder on Elm Street.

30 YEARS AGO

August 15, 1940

Chaire C. Backus, Publisher

Miss Ann Curtin of Wellsville and Harold B. Dawson of Andover, were united in marriage Monday, August 5th in Buffalo.

Leeman Davis was installed as Noble Grand of Andover I.O.O.F. Lodge No. 786 by District Deputy Raymond Stevens and Staff of Friendship, Wednesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Woodworth are the parents of a son, born Tuesday, August 13th.

Mrs. Anna Benjamin has been passing a few days with her mother, Mrs. Alice Livermore.

John Dougherty of South Hill, is spending this week with his grandmother, Mrs. John Danlier of Wellsville.

Mrs. Sarah Burdick of Elm Valley, is the guest of friends in Dansville for a few days.

Mrs. M. C. Moran of Cleveland, Ohio, is the guest of her brother and family, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Kilbane this week.

J. J. McGuckin of the Bronx is passing his vacation with his sisters, the Misses Alice and Mary

McGuckin and Mr. and Mrs. John Quigg.

Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Northrup and family returned Sunday from a week's camping trip to Vossburg, Pa.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Alvord and daughter, Corrine, left Saturday for a vacation trip to Cleveland, Ohio and Meadville, Ohio.

Chandler Bassett and Miss Elizabeth Bassett were guests several days of their brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Bassett in Buffalo.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Snyder and family passed a week's vacation at Camden, N. J., at the home of his sister, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Salati and at Atlantic City.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Geer, Sr., of Wellsville were week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Wentworth.

Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Gallagher of Washington, D. C., passed last week at the home of her uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Dean and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. George Mickie and two children are visiting relatives in Troy this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Keene of Wellsboro, Pa., were guests at the home of their cousin, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Updyke from Friday until Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe Tidd and family and Miss Florence Brown and Dee Feenaughty of Greenwood Hill, enjoyed a motor trip from Friday until Monday in the Adirondacks and the Finger Lakes region.

Mrs. Frank Raufenbarth is passing this week in Elmira with her daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Longwell.

Mr. and Mrs. Fay Brown and daughter, Mary of Addison and Miss Edna Smith of Hornell, were guests over the week-end of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Smith.

Mrs. George Barrett is passing this week in Buffalo with her daughter, Miss Edna Barrett.

Mr. and Mrs. Sheridan Witter of Buffalo were guests over the week-end of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Witter.

Rev. and Mrs. A. D. Sheppard of Delaware, Ohio, are visiting friends in Andover this week.

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