

DANGER! STUDENTS Back to Work An Editorial

September brings around a big change in the lives of millions of Americans — both young and old. This is the month when School begins again. For several months the School Doors have been closed — now they are open again so its back to books and blackboards.

Cartoonists will be having a field day portraying the so called typical boy (or girl) slowly plodding towards school, dragging their books behind them with perhaps a dog frisking along at their heels or beside them. This may make an interesting picture but we think it is far from the truth outside of the exception. Most young people that we have talked with are looking forward to the challenges in store for them.

Modern education, whatever its faults may be, is a great deal different than it used to be. New worlds have been opened, or are being explored! The frontiers of knowledge are being moved forward to an almost unbelievable speed, with the youth of today being offered opportunities that would have been unimaginable even just a few short years ago. The opportunity is there — it is up to each individual student whether it shall be used to the fullest extent or not.

However, we as adults, can do our share in helping "the younger set" beat their way to a happy success story — or push them into the discard pile. Whether we are motorists, parents, or teachers — we all play an important part in their education!

If we are motorists, we should be reminded that with the school term here — most traffic accidents involving children occur shortly after school. This fall be especially alert between the hours of three and five p. m. the most dangerous hours of the day for children.

Sound driving calls for lower speeds on residential streets, particularly near parked cars, since most child-traffic accidents occur when a youngster darts into the street from behind a parked car.

Parents — your children should be taught that they have the same responsibilities on their bicycles as motorists have in their cars. Bicycle riders must give hand signals, obey stop signs and keep to the right, just as motorists do. They should also be taught to be careful pedestrians — looking both ways before crossing a street or railroad tracks, etc.

They should also be encouraged in their school work, and in some cases, made to do their homework so they will be able to keep up with the rest of their class for if they should fall behind in the first five or six weeks of school they are apt to become discouraged and join the ranks of the "Drop-Outs".

Records show that nearly one-third of those who drop-out of high school will do so in the first six weeks of the term and thereby doom themselves to the bleak-est employment-earnings prospect.

Teachers also have a huge responsibility! Many times you will be faced with the nerve wracking problem of curbing animal spirits which too often were unchecked by parents through vacation. You will also be faced with students who may not be able to grasp your instruction, or who show no apparent interest.

At the end of the first five week test period you should be able to determine what per cent of the class "is digging your jazz", and if there are very many of them failing, it might be wise to take a good long look at your methods of instruction. After-all, its much more important to your reputation as an instructor, to correct a few minor deficiencies than to waste a whole year of your time as well as the students and then have to look at them another year when they are repeating the same subject over again.

Yes, education is a joint effort, and if everyone concerned takes the correct attitude, we are sure that Andover Central School will turn out a well educated group of graduates!



50 YEARS AGO

August 27, 1920

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Miss Nettie Church of Andover and Ray Wilcox of Wellsville, were united in marriage Wednesday, August 18 by Rev. H. B. Williams. They were attended by Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bloss.

Mrs. Martin Howland, 71, died Wednesday, August 25th at the home of her daughter, Mrs. William Lauterborn. A son and two daughters survive. Interment was in Hillside Cemetery, Andover.

Miss Doris Ormane of Almond, has been hired to teach the Railroad Valley School the coming year.

Mr. and Mrs. James P. Cannon left Wednesday for Vermont to bring their daughter, Elizabeth home after several weeks on a camping trip.

William Barney and family, who have been visiting Andover and Wellsville relatives for several weeks, left Sunday for their home at St. Paul, Minn.

After a two weeks vacation spent with relatives, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Dean left Tuesday for their home in Winchester, N. Y.

Mr. and Mrs. Burdick and daughters of Melton, Wis., are visiting Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Clarke of Independence.

Rev. and Mrs. Edgar Van Horn and children of Milton, Wis., are spending a week with her sister, Mrs. L. C. Livermore of Independence.

Mr. and Mrs. Holly Maxson and daughter of New York City are guests this week at the O. A. Potter home in Independence.

Mrs. Emma Clair of East Valley returned to her home Tuesday after a ten-day visit at the W. E. Baker home at Tip Top.

Miss Anna O'Leary is home from Washington, D. C. for a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James O'Leary on Dyke Street.

Mr. and Mrs. John Dougherty of Port Allegany, visited his brother P. J. Dougherty and family Wednesday and Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Hunt of Washington, D. C., are passing a 10-day vacation with Andover relatives and friends.

Mrs. L. W. Brundage and children returned to Buffalo Wednesday after spending several weeks with relatives in Andover.

Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Snyder and daughter of Argentine, Kan., returned home Wednesday after a week's visit with Andover relatives and friends.

Mrs. Bessie Herrick left Monday for her home at Whitestone, L. I. after a month's visit with Andover relatives.

40 YEARS AGO

August 29, 1930

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Mrs. Alice Smith-Wahl, 55, died at her home in Elm Valley, Tuesday, August 26th. Her husband, and a daughter survive. Interment was in Alfred Rural Cemetery.

Mrs. Jennie Mae Thompson, 30, died Sunday, August 24. Her husband, her mother, a sister and a brother survive. Interment was in Hillside Cemetery, Andover.

School opens Tuesday with about 400 pupils and Robert B. Hardy will be the principal.

Mrs. Bernard Murray, 58, died Wednesday, August 20. Her husband, three sons, a daughter, a sister and two brothers survive. Interment was in St. John's Cemetery, Andover.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Brown of Hill Street are the parents of a daughter, born August 18th.

Miss Marion Groves of New York City is visiting her aunt, Miss Emily Barney of West Union.

George Dean left Monday for Tulsa, Okla., where he has accepted a position with the Sheehan Construction Co. He was accompanied by his uncle, D. F. Shine of Wellsville.

Mrs. Eugene Bassett and Miss Katherine Bassett of Owego, were Wednesday and Thursday guests of Mrs. Esther Bassett of Independence.

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by Alex Rankin

This is the season, of course, to be playing politics with the law and order issue.

Playing politics means doing something visible — like hiring more cops — or making speeches and campaign promises about what is one of the greatest issues of our time.

But hardly anything is heard about two aspects of the issue. Courts and jails.

Courts are never discussed in meaningful, realistic terms because they remain one of the biggest sources of political patronage in the system.

For example. Two years ago in Albany there was a bill to provide 100 additional judges for New York City. It got nowhere because no one could decide which party was to get how many of them.

No one can doubt that there are more judges needed to make the system work. Right now the odds are about 200 to one — in favor of the criminal — that he will never be convicted of the crime which he committed.

Primarily this is because:

1. Due to the shortages of judges, coupled with the fact that more and more crimes are being committed and arrests being made, criminals are able to win delays in their cases. By the time he does get there, witnesses have died or their memories have blurred.

2. And so the best the prosecutor can do is bargain — offer a lesser crime charge in return for a plea of guilty.

The whole thing makes a mockery out of the concept of speedy

justice for all.

The recent events at the Tombs in New York City points up the other aspect.

Prisoners have no lobby in Albany or anywhere else.

The Tombs, officially the Manhattan Men's House of Detention, has a capacity of 932 prisoners.

As of last week there were 1,815 prisoners in the Tombs.

What man wouldn't riot under these conditions?

This writer would.

The solution?

Governor Rockefeller and Mayor Lindsay have been so far passing the buck back and forth over the issue.

Lindsay and the State Senator John Dunne have been hurling charges of "politics" — back and forth at each other.

Dunne is chairman of a committee which wants to take testimony from prisoners about conditions on the Tombs.

Lindsay says this is playing politics.

He called it a "shabby political circus."

But Lindsay has been sitting on the Tombs situation for a long time, not Dunne.

Dunne, a Republican from middle class Nassau County, doesn't need that kind of political publicity to get reelected.

"I don't think they like me bleeding all over the streets over these characters," said Dunne of his constituents, "but I've got a responsibility."

Now if they would only do something with it.

Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Whitford of Darlington, Pa., are guests of their mother, Mrs. Maude Clarke of Independence this week.

Mrs. Gilbert Barrett returned to her home in New York City after spending several weeks at the George Barrett home.

Miss Luella Edwards of Whitesville is passing the week with Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Nobles.

Mr. and Mrs. Maxson Crandall and son left Wednesday for their home in Darien Ct. They were accompanied by his mother, Mrs. Hattie Crandall who will be their guest for a time.

Floyd Vars and son, Kenneth, are at Camp Perry, Ohio in attendance at the shoot of the National Rifle Association of which Mr. Vars is a member and his son Kenneth is a member of the Junior Rifle Association.

Mrs. Will Pardon of Albany is visiting her sister, Mrs. John Joyce and other relatives in Andover.

Miss Onnolee Hammell, R.N. has returned to New York City where she will resume her work as a nurse.

Mr. and Mrs. Elwyn Greene and daughter of Canel Zone, Panama, arrived Tuesday at the home of his brother, Rev. and Mrs. W. L. Greene for a week's visit.

Mr. and Mrs. John Joyce spent the week-end with friends in Elmira.

Mrs. Ella Traster arrived Tuesday from Grand Rapids, Mich., to pass the winter with her daughter Mrs. George Vickers.

30 YEARS AGO

August 22, 1940

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School will open September 3rd with approximately 500 pupils. New courses in agriculture and shop work are being offered to junior and senior high school pupils.

Kenneth Bostwick will open a new, modern 5c to \$1.00 store this Friday morning.

Floyd L. Hann, 70, died Saturday, August 17. His wife, a sister, two brothers, a step-son and a step-daughter survive. Interment was in Valley Brook Cemetery, Andover.

James Nobles began work last Friday as assistant janitor at the Andover Central School.

The 47th annual reunion of the William Baker family was held in the park at Port Allegany, Sunday, August 18 with 85 in attendance.

Ernest Orvis of Andover and his sister, Emily Swain of Canaseraga, were guests of his daughter, Mrs. John Dodge and family of Davis Hill, Saturday and Sunday.

Max, Onnalee and Betty Green of Davis Hill, visited their sister, Mrs. John Snyder at Camden, N. Y. last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Atwell and four children left Saturday to pass their vacation in Flint, Mich.

Mrs. Erma Burdick has returned from summer school at Columbia University in New York City.

Mrs. Emily King has returned to her home after passing a few days with Mr. and Mrs. Dan Mullen of West Greenwood.

Miss Anna Yannie is visiting friends in Buffalo this week.

Miss Harriett Williams of New York City is visiting her mother, Mrs. Mable Williams for a few days.

Mrs. Elnora Hestink, son, John and daughter, Jane of Panama, N. Y., are guests of Mr. and Mrs. John Lever and family for a few days.

Jack Regan and Norbert Lynch left Tuesday by motor for New York City, where they will attend the World's Fair and visit friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Tracy left Monday to visit their daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Stewart at Ocean View, Va.

Miss Emma Folsing, in company with Mr. and Mrs. Leon Phelps of Rochester, enjoyed a motor trip thru the New England States last week.

Mr. and Mrs. John Boyd and son of Spruce Pine, N. C., arrived Sunday to pass a few days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Parker.

Miss Bernice Hartigan of Friendship was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. John Burns and family from Friday until Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Burdick and family and T. G. Burdick of Tip Top visited at the home of their brother and son, Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Burdick of Waverly, Sunday. T. G. Burdick remained for a visit with his son.

The Misses Arlene Rogers and Lucille Clarke of Whitesville were guests of Miss Mary Teresa Burns from Thursday until Sunday.

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