

DANGER AFLOAT!!!

An Editorial

Boating is one of America's fastest growing summer sports, and, as a result, boating accidents are on the rise.

After reading about several fatal accidents in area newspapers, we feel it would be worthwhile to pass on some statistics and boating tips to our readers.

Prof. Edward W. Foss, safety specialist of the New York State College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, Cornell University reports that over 400 boats were involved in over 300 accidents in New York State during 1972 resulting in over 76 fatalities and 88 injuries. These figures represent an increase in fatalities over 1971.

On the basis of a report from the U. S. Coast Guard, Prof. Foss said collisions were the leading cause of accidents. Other causes were fire or explosion, overturning and collision with fixed objects.

A total of over 5,000 accidents were reported throughout the country during 1972, and one-half to two-thirds of these mishaps occurred in calm waters, during clear weather, with light or no wind, and with good visibility.

These accidents took place while the boats were under these conditions: cruising (2586 cases), docked (398), water-skiing (381), fishing (338), drifting (328), and maneuvering (368).

Modern small craft are often equipped with many safety devices, but no safety device can replace courtesy and common sense in boating.

The U. S. Coast Guard suggests the following tips to prevent accidents:

— remember that your life and the lives of your passengers depend on your handling the boat with care and good judgment;

— pay heed to approaching bad weather and small craft warnings;

— don't overload your boat;

— If your boat overturns, stay with it until help arrives — your chances are much better than if you try to swim to shore;

— provide life preservers for each occupant of the boat and make sure that children and non-swimmers wear them;

— give docks and swimming areas a wide berth and slow down when approaching congested areas, bathing beaches, and the shore;

— remember that alcohol and gasoline don't mix in boating;

— allow 100 feet clearance of the red and white skin divers' flag, otherwise you could run over a surfacing diver;

— keep your boat well maintained;

— if you are a novice, get someone with experience to give you lessons in safe boat handling;

— learn to give mouth-to-mouth resuscitation, a skill all boaters should have;

— and last — but not least — watch out for that nut at the helm — of the other boat!!!

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**50 YEARS AGO**

July 13, 1923

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Supervisor E. R. Crandall, W. F. O'Connell, Vice-President of the Hornell Automobile Club; A. R. Baker and LeRoy Jordan, attended a meeting of the Good Roads Committee held in Hornell, Monday evening.

Five girls from Andover are planning to join 80 Allegany County Girls to occupy Eggleston Park, August 3 - 13, at The Blue Triangle Camp. The committee is: Mrs. Paul E. Titsworth, Chairman of Andover; Mrs. Hattie Eggleston of Andover; Mrs. Chas. Barnes and Mrs. Clair Snyder of Wellsville; Mrs. Isabelle Dudley of Friendship; Mrs. L. J. Waldock of Cuba; Mrs. J. H. Lester of Richburg and Miss Naomi Bradley of Bolivar.

The fifteenth annual reunion of the Amos Burdick descendants was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Lusk June 28. The following re-elected officers are: C. C. Burdick, East Valley, President and Miss Ruth Baker, Secretary and Treasurer.

Mrs. Amy Jane Adams, 80, died July 6. Funeral services were held with the Rev. Whelan officiating. Burial was in the family plot in Hillside Cemetery, Andover.

Miss Alice M. Edwards of Andover and Alfred R. Knowles of Wellsville, were united in marriage July 3rd by the Rev. E. A. Matthews.

Mrs. F. W. Burrows joined her husband in New York City Friday and plans to leave with friends for an auto tour along the Mohawk Trail the coming week.

Mr. and Mrs. Dean Temple and daughter, Jean of Huntington, W. Virginia, are visiting at the home of his brother and family, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Temple.

Cultivating and having are the main issues with our farmers.

Com. Howland has the stone crusher and a force of men at work on South Hill, constructing a new road bed on the highway.

Arling Briggs, Mrs. Gertrude Joyce and children, with other friends on Davis Hill, were on a trip near Bath, Sunday.

The following weather observations for the week beginning July 5 are: warmest 83 degrees Monday — 39 degrees following Monday. Five clear and two partly cloudy days. Precipitation .25.

By the order of Andover Barber Shops effective August 1st — barber prices will change to Hair Cut 50c — shave 20c.

Miss Gertrude Beebe is visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Z. F. Cook at Weehawken, N. J.

Paul DeRemer of Akron Ohio, is spending his vacation with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John DeRemer.

Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Trowbridge Fay Boyd and Miss Helen Folsing motored to Watkins Gleft, Sunday.

Misses Mae and Florence Cocoman are home from Buffalo for a two weeks vacation.

Mrs. Chas Bines and daughter, Georgia, Mrs. Will Bines and their guests the Mann family, visited in Hornell Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Cheesman and party returned Tuesday from a two-weeks motor trip to Indiana and a visit at the home of his son, Glenn Cheesman and family at Elkhart.

40 YEARS AGO

July 7, 1933

J. H. Backus & Son, Publishers

Phillip S. Crandall a member of 4-H Club, cleared \$25.00 on his strawberry project. He sold 610 quarts at two for 25c.

The shubbery in the Legion Park has been trimmed by the caretaker and the fountain and grounds are very inviting for the public to enjoy.

The Senior Class of Andover High School together with invited friends, enjoyed a picnic at the Lever Cottage at Elm Valley, Tuesday. Saturday the class went to Silver Lake for a week's recreation with Mr. and Mrs. Harry

ALBANY*open line*

by Alex Rankin

"Sam Stratton For Governor" bumper stickers are beginning to appear in a lot of places upstate — a horrible thought for Republicans.

The GOP tried for years to re-district the popular Democrat out of Congress and failed. Republicans are worried because Stratton if he decided to run, would pull in a lot of Republican votes.

Gov. Rockefeller has appointed Schuyler County Sheriff Maurice F. Dean of Watkins Glen to the State Parole Board for a term expiring in December, 1976. The appointment becomes effective August 1 and pays \$32,075 a year. He replaces John F. Schoonmaker of Cornwall, who resigned.

Rockefeller said recently that if the U. S. Supreme Court upholds a decision by the State Court of Appeals which nullified a state law giving the murders of policemen and prison officials the death penalty, he will introduce a bill next year overcoming the court's objections.

Bills the governor vetoed recently:

— A measure giving real estate tax exemptions to fraternal organ-

Joyce and Claire Greene as chaplains.

The 32nd annual reunion of the Seth Baker descendants was held July 4 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Baker. Officers for next year are: Alvin Baker, President; Mrs. Esther Fairbanks, Vice-President; Miss Glenora Baker was re-elected Secretary - Treasurer and Mrs. Roger Baker, Chairman of the Program Committee.

The annual reunion of the Slocum family was held June 20 at the Baker-Burgett home on Dyke Street. Mrs. Floyd Slocum, President; Mrs. Carroll Ruger, Secretary - Treasurer will be the officers in charge for the next year's meeting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Ormsby at Alfred Station.

Mr. and Mrs. John Dolan and family motored to Silver Lake, Friday and also visited relatives in Mt. Morris.

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Hunt and Mr. and Mrs. John Common passed part of the week at the Knox Cottage at Cuba Lake.

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Longwell and two children of Elmira, visited at the Raufenbarth - Fuller home the week of July 4th.

D. M. Greene attended the Greene reunion held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Earle Greene at Independence July 4th and Thursday visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. DeForrest W. Truman at Alfred.

J. L. Williams who was injured in a fall in the new home he was building on Dyke Street in Wellsville, is able to return to his work.

Frank Graves has been obliged to discontinue his laundry work on account of ill health. He has operated the Andover Laundry for many years.

Five Andover men were in Alfred Tuesday to assist in the band at their community picnic and sports celebration. They were A. L. Bloss, Gerald Hann, Oliver Kemp, Harold Lehman and Claire C. Backus.

The Misses Agnes and Grace Fisher entertained at cards Thursday evening at their home on Second Street. Bridge honors were won by Miss Julia Flynn and Miss Ella Gallagher and in five hundred Miss Anna O'Leary and Mrs. John Fisher.

Prof. John E. Vincent of Andover, was the speaker at the annual community picnic held at Independence July 4th. There were over 100 in attendance. Andover was represented by Prof. and Mrs. Vincent, Rev. and Mrs. Walter F. Greene, Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Baker, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Hardy and children, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Pot-

terizations, saying it would shift the burden to other taxpayers. "At a time when those property owners are already heavily burdened by increasing property taxes it would not be fair to further increase their burden". He also said the measure was poorly drawn because it didn't make clear whether or not school taxes were to be exempted.

— A bill that would have allowed the Board of Fire Commissioners in Bainbridge to make the first Saturday after the first Tuesday in December as the date for the annual meeting, because among other things, "the bill contains three erroneous and confusing references to existing dates."

— A bill that would have provided that in Suffolk County alone — incidentally the home of Republican Assembly Speaker Perry B. Duryea, Jr. — the owners of property would not have their property taxes hiked because of the installation of sewers.

Rockefeller said he vetoed the measure because he couldn't find any good reason to sign it into law, and because it appeared to violate the state constitution, which provides that exemption from taxation may be done only through general laws which apply to everyone, not just the residents of a particular county.

er Misses Lillian and Ethel Weinbauer, Eleanor Greene and William Weinbauer.

Prof. Carl W. Hann is passing his summer vacation at Ithaca attending summer school, completing work for a degree in music at the Ithaca College.

Mrs. Carl Childs entertained the L. L. Bridge Club Friday night. Honors were won by Mrs. Paul Childs and Mrs. Archie Bloss.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Halsey and family of Davis Hill visited Frank Halsey and attended the community picnic at Independence, July 4th.

30 YEARS AGO

July 1, 1943

Claire C. Backus, Publisher

This week's Servicemen's pictures published in the Andover News are two of the four sons of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Gath. They are Sergeant Howard Gath and Private First Class Walter (Mike) Gath, both Andover boys.

Allegany County American Legion was held at Angelica Sunday and the following officers were elected for the following year: Lawrence Pflager, Wellsville, Commander; Ralph O. Burgett, Andover, 1st Vice Commander; Leon J. MacDonnell, Bolivar, 2nd Vice-Commander; Harland Strand, Fillmore, 3rd Vice Commander; Joseph J. Herman, Wellsville, Adjutant; George Enos, Cuba, Chaplain and William E. Greene, Belmont, Finance Officer. Andover Legion and Auxiliary were represented by Jack Dolan, and C. C. Backus, Mrs. Bertha Hrdy and Mrs. Nora Higby.

In the list of 150 jurors drawn to serve at the special term of court called by Gov. Dewey are: Grand Jurors, Harry Baker and Carl Clarke; Trial Jurors, Edward McAndrew, M. A. Mitchell and Clifford Green.

Andover Boy Scout Troop No. 42 had the honor of the most Scouts, 21 in attendance at the Camporee held over the week-end at the Wellsville Rod and Gun Club grounds. R. J. Sootheran was Chairman in charge, assisted by Carl Fribolin Scoutmaster; Fay Boyd and Raymond Snyder.

Hamilton Ordway has purchased the Wade's Restaurant and took possession July 1st.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Joyce are the parents of a daughter, born June 30 at the Tullar Maternity Hospital in Wellsville.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Bostleck and family of Buffalo, spent the week-end with her parents, Mr.

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