

## How Does YOUR Home Measure Up?

An Editorial

Does safety begin at home? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

How is that question answered in your home?

The answer is "no" in too many households, as the statistics show: nearly 30,000 men, women and children are killed every year in home accidents; more than 20 million are injured enough to require medical attention; some 4 million are disabled.

The Department of Safety and Research of a large Life Insurance Company of New York reports that the largest number of fatalities — nearly 15,000 — result from falls. More than 6,500 die in home fires. An additional 4,000 suffocate, while 2,800 are poisoned and 1,000 are killed in firearms accidents.

Nine out of ten of these casualties could have been prevented at little cost in time, effort or money, if safety had begun at home, according to the safety-first experts.

If you are looking for a brief entertainment program at your next club meeting or party, how about playing this game of questions and answers? Anyone who answers yes to all of the questions will be a winner. Those who respond with any no's should take the necessary steps to keep from being a loser.

Are all medicines and household poisons labeled and kept out of reach of children?

Do you keep food in cabinets separate from products that are not to be eaten?

Have you checked cords on electrical appliances for frayed edges, loose plugs and tripping hazards?

Are all hallways and stairways lighted and are rugs fastened down to prevent tripping? Do stairways have handrails?

Are your appliances, including the television set, working properly and grounded? Is the TV ventilated?

Do you limit the number of appliances you plug into one socket. You can tell if circuits are overloaded if your TV picture shrinks, your appliances heat up slowly or fuses or circuit breakers go out with regularity.

Do you store flammable liquids — kerosene, gas oil for the mower, paint thinners — in proper containers outside the house? Do you use inflammable cleaning fluid (but not carbon tet)?

If you are a smoker, do you use large ash trays refrain from smoking in bed or when you feel sleepy, and keep matches and lighters away from children?

Do you keep a fire extinguisher handy on each level in your home and a container of baking soda next to the stove to extinguish minor cooking fires?

Do you have on or near every telephone a sticker giving the emergency numbers of the police and fire departments, your doctor and the nearest hospital?

Have you cleaned the attic and cellar lately, getting rid of the clutter — newspapers, old mattresses, chairs, faded draperies, half-filled cans of paint, wood scraps — all a potential fire hazard?

Is your bathroom equipped with skid-proof material on the bottom of the tub and a grab-bar for safety getting in and out of bath or shower?

Is your home equipped with safety glass on shower doors, storm doors and sliding doors?

Do you keep cords and drapery pulls out of reach of children?

Are the children's toys kept in good repair and out of the way so that they and others will not fall over them?

Do you own a first-aid kit and a book on first-aid and are you familiar with steps to take in emergencies?

Safety-first experts declare you can rest assured that in addition to whatever insurance policies you own, you can also have your own built-in safety protection for yourself and your family — your own do-it-yourself insurance against accidents that kill, maim and cripple.



## 50 YEARS AGO

March 21, 1924

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The Village election passed off quietly in Andover. There were 235 votes cast. E. J. Atwood for Village President, receiving 228; C. E. Brown for Trustee, 228; and Cashier A. D. Fuller, 226 for Village Treasurer.

Mrs. Bert Thomas of Belmont, County President of the American Legion Auxiliary, was in Andover Tuesday afternoon, organizing a local Auxiliary to the Thomas M. Lynch Post. The meeting was held at the home of Mrs. Ralph Temple and the following Officers were elected — President, Mrs. Ila Snyder; First Vice-President, Miss Mary Erischell; Second Vice-President, Mrs. Helen Dolan; Secretary Mrs. Esther Temple; Treasurer Miss Anna Gallagher; Chaplain Mrs. Florence Bloss; Historian Mrs. Genevieve Backus; Sgt.-At-Arms, Mrs. Melva Snyder and Member County Committee, Miss Mary Boyd.

Glenn Ruger has purchased the Richard Smith property on North Main Street and is remodeling the same.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Montgomery and son of Hornell, were visiting her sister, Mrs. Arling Briggs of Davis Hill, last week.

Mrs. Comstock of Andover, is spending some time with her daughter, Mrs. L. A. Potter, of Independence.

Mrs. James Wentworth and daughter of Andover, were weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. Will Pease of the Lane School District. Mrs. George Babcock of Allentown, passed last week guest at the home of Frank Nobles.

Mrs. Jay Bunt has returned to her home in Alfred after spending a week at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Edward Walsh.

Robert O'Donnell, who was called to Andover by the death of Mrs. C. W. O'Donnell, returned to Syracuse, Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Francis Casey and mother, Mrs. Ella Casey, motored to Dansville, Monday and were guests of Mrs. John Casey.

Mr. and Mrs. A. O. Kemp were called to Hornell, Wednesday on account of the serious illness of her sister, Mrs. Alice Swarts.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Holmes and daughters, Lillian and Margaret, motored to Perry and were guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Burgett over the week-end.

## March 28, 1924

At a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Andover Chamber of Commerce held at the Village Hall, Friday evening, it was definitely settled that the 100 Anniversary of the organization of the Town of Andover would be celebrated over Labor Day.

Enna Gardner and George Gleason, both of Andover were united in marriage Thursday, March 27th by the Rev. A. D. Shepard, pastor of the Andover Baptist Church.

Mr. and Mrs. Vivian Sweet entertained a number of friends at their home Thursday, March 20th in honor of their eleventh wedding anniversary.

Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Greene were week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. Flay Pease.

Mrs. George Hartum is spending a few days guest of her daughter, Mrs. Clarence Slaght.

Leon Cronk of Hornell, was a week-end guest of Wilmer Cronk and family.

Arthur Hall of Pingrey Hill, will work the Langworthy farm at Tip Top the coming year.

Mrs. Agnes Langworthy spent several days last week at the homes of W. E. Baker and T. G. Birdick of Tip Top.

At a meeting of the Thomas M. Lynch Post American Legion, held Monday evening, Ralph E. Temple was elected Commander; W. S. Calhoun, First Vice-Commander, Clark Widger, Second Vice-Commander; Claire C. Backus, Adjutant; R. O. Snyder, Treasurer; Ralph W. Perry, Chaplain, Harold Perry, Sgt.-At-Arms; Arche L. Bloss, Trustee.



Ask

Senator

BUCKLEY

A Senate bill which would require the public financing of Presidential, Senate and House-election campaigns, is now being debated in Congress. In a recent interview I stated my objections to the bill. Here are some of the excerpts.

Why do you oppose the Senate version of the public financing bill?

I believe it to be unconstitutional. Voluntary contributions to political campaigns are the only way many people can express their own political views. Private campaign financing has allowed people with strongly-held political positions to support like-minded candidates. The Senate bill would replace private contributions with a general political fund that will cost the American taxpayer \$354 million every four years. Thus, it would place a severe limitation on a citizen's most common means of political expression, and, therefore, on his constitutional right to freedom of speech.

You have said that this bill will "alter the political landscape." What do you mean by that?

First, under our present system candidates must compete for broad private support. To do this, they must address themselves to issues of major importance to potential contributors. Public financing would allow candidates to ignore the issues, and, instead, wage personality contests in which intelligent debate is subordinated to slick advertising techniques. Second, strict ceilings on campaign expenditures tend to favor incumbents—candidates who are already well known to the voters. Historically, a successful challenger must outspend an incumbent. That is why I have called the bill "The Incumbent's Protection Act."

If you can't support public financing just what reform can you favor?

Full disclosure of the sources of campaign contributions will prove the most effective reform in the long run. The full disclosure law took effect too late in the 1972 campaign to demonstrate its worth. I believe that it deserves a real test before we scrap it.

A. L. Rogers was a week-end visitor of his sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. O. G. Whitcomb of Belmont.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Nichols and son, Leon, were visitors in Cuba and Olean Saturday and Sunday.

Mrs. Benj. Wallace is passing the week with Mr. Wallace's parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. D. Wallace of Perry.

Mr. and Mrs. George Carr passed a few days last week at Almond, guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Black.

Elmer Kapie passed from Wednesday to Monday with his son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Kapie at Knoxville, Pa.

Arthur Wagner returned home Wednesday from Elmira, where he has been employed in the Marrow Plant for some months.

Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Baker were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lee of Tip Top, Thursday, the occasion being Mr. Lee's 73rd birthday.

## 40 YEARS AGO

March 16, 1934

J. H. Backus & Son, Publishers Word was received in Andover, Monday, that the Post Office in Andover was to be moved from the Baker block on East Greenwood Street to the Brown block on Main Street.

Franklyn Edward Hurd and Bernice Louise Rogers of Greenwood, were united in marriage Thursday, March 8th by the Rev. Frank H. Bisbee. Mr. and Mrs. Carl Childs were their attendants.

Miss Anna O'Leary, 74, died Friday, March 9th at the home of her brother, J. A. O'Leary on Dyke Street. The above mentioned brother and a sister, Mrs. William Dean, survive. Funeral services were held Monday with the Rev. H. J. Gerlock officiating. Interment was in St. John's Cemetery.

Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Vanderhoef moved their household goods Monday from the Mrs. Jay Bunt house on Barney Street to a farm on Purdy Creek.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Nobles moved from their Shovel Hollow Road home to their home on Rochambeau Avenue, last week.

J. M. Caward of Call Hill celebrated his 80th birthday, Monday, March 5th at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Dan Mullen of W. Greenwood.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Dean of Philadelphia, Pa., and Miss Lenora Dean of Cleveland, were called to Andover Sunday by the death of their aunt, Miss Anna O'Leary. They were guests of their mother, Mrs. William Dean and family of South Hill.

Clay Jordan returned to St. Louis, Mo., Monday, after spending several days in Andover.

Miss Elizabeth Cornwell of Machias, is visiting at the home of her sister, Mr. and Mrs. George Carpenter, this week.

Mr. and Mrs. George Hunt and son, Larry of Rochester, passed the week-end at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Parker.

Conrad Church of Junior College at Bath and Miss Doris Church of Campbell, were week-end guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Church.

Mrs. Emily Swain of Canaseraga passed the week-end at the home of her brother, Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Orvis and mother, Mrs. M. A. Orvis.

Mrs. G. A. Werenell is passing the week at Hornell with her mother, Mrs. Rose Snyder.

## March 23, 1934

James D. Cheesman received his appointment as acting Postmaster in Andover from Washington, D. C., Wednesday to take the place of Dr. John Common, whose term of office expired Monday.

At the annual meeting of the Andover Athletic Association, held Wednesday evening, the following directors were elected: A. D. Fuller, W. J. Alderson, Ed Mullen, B. S. Brundage and Earl Kemp. A. L. Bloss was elected as a director to represent Andover at meetings of the Decagon Baseball League.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Hyland are parents of a daughter, Patricia, born Saturday, March 17th.

William J. Redmond died at the family home on the Andover-Greenwood Road, Monday, March 19th. Funeral services were held

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