

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 5th, 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, 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 the 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 weekend 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 care 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.

"EIGHTH, 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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"Inside The State Capital"

By James L. Emery

QUARTERLY REVENUE REPORT SHOWS BIG SURPLUS; TWO VOTES AGAINST CRIME AND EMPLOYMENT

In a private report to the underwriters of New York State's tax anticipation notes, State Comptroller Arthur Levitt states that New York State has amassed a \$300-million tax surplus in the first three months of the 1977-78 state budget year.

One of my primary goals during the past three years of the Carey Administration has been to require by law a true and accurate public accounting of the state's revenues as its spending during the course of the budget year. To this date I have been frustrated in that attempt.

I and other Republican members of the State Assembly have argued during the debate and passage of the state budget that the Governor was underestimating state revenues. We said that greater tax reductions — such as the elimination of the sales tax on home heating fuels — should be given to the taxpayers of this state. However the Governor said this couldn't be done. He said the added revenues just didn't exist.

But now the State Comptroller has substantiated the fact that there is a surplus written into the 1977-78 state budget. It becomes obvious that the Governor is juggling this year's budget in preparation for his reelection bid next year. Such goodies as an increase in the Tuition Assistance Program (TAP) awards have already been endorsed by the Governor just two months after he said we didn't have the money to do it this year. I don't think that's the way to run a responsible government.

On other matters, I must express my personal bitter disappointment at the Governor's vetoing of legislation which would have increased the penalties for crimes against the elderly and the disabled and a measure which would have established a study group of production and management experts, free of charge from private enterprise to review state operations to try and save taxpayers money.

Through his veto of the Senior Citizen Safety Act, Governor Carey has shown a callous insensitivity to the safety and well-being of our senior citizen community. The enactment of this bill to impose mandatory prison sentences and limit plea bargaining rights to those who attack the elderly and disabled was a vital element in the struggle to transform the elderly and disabled from the most attractive to the least desirable targets for crime.

This veto action, coming on the heels of another veto preventing the imposition of the death penalty, clearly shows where our states Chief Executive stands on the issue of crime. With the rising number of violent crimes being committed against all segments of our society, especially the aged and infirmed, I do not think any law abiding citizens want any more vetoes of anti-crime legislation.

The Governor's veto of the volunteer study group is a real puzzle for the people of New York State. With waste, duplication and inefficiency so prevalent in our government, it is hard to understand why the Governor would veto the opportunity to have some of the best management experts from New York business study state government operations and report on ways to save taxpayers money.

Business and industry were happy to lend their people to aid the government in running its operations more efficiently and productively. They publicly announced their support of the bill and quite frankly most of us in the Legislature thought there would be a few problems in enacting the legislation. It passed both houses of the Legislature with a total of only two negative votes. We wanted some advice on how to improve the usage of tax dollars.

The only reason that I can think of now, as to why the Governor vetoed the bill is that he is afraid someone would get on the inside and expose some problems he has in his administration. I don't know of any other reason. I just doesn't make sense that government wouldn't welcome free outside help from experts in the field.



50 YEARS AGO

January 23, 1927

J. H. Backus, Publisher

A very interesting write-up from Major Elmer King on the news preparedness appears in this week's issue. He is a former Andover man now with the Ordnance Department U.S.

Factor Perkins won first prize at the New York Potato Show at Buffalo. The first prize comes to Allegany County as a large silver cup donated by the Chase National Bank of New York which will be held for one year.

In connection with a billfile of Bruce McGill, the Elmira Telegram Sunday had the following to offer about Andover's young coroner. Andover, N. Y., claims the youngest cornet player in the world in the person of Bruce McGill, 6 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. C. F. McGill of Andover. Bruce is a member of the Andover Boys Band now being directed by Harry H. Williams.

Wednesday night was one of the coldest so far this season. The thermometer getting down to 28 degrees in the Village and as low as 20 in some places on the outskirts.

The Andover High School boys and girls played Alfred at Alfred January 20. Andover girls score 22 and Alfred 14. The girls that played were Holmes, Harrison, Robinson, Hann and Snyder. The Andover boys won 18 - 13, with Carl Green, Huggins, Rogers, Claire Greene, and Howland. During the second quarter Rogers turned his ankle, but refused to quit, staying until the last dog was hung.

James L. Sudborough, City Chemist of Adrian, Michigan and brother of W. R. Sudborough of Coudersport, died at his home Jan 2. He was born in Adrian, Nov 7, 1894. He is survived by his wife two children and one brother. Burial was in Adrian, Michigan.

Mrs. Ellen Wilson was born in Andover, March 20, 1850 and died Jan. 19, 1927 at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Charles Holden of Buffalo. Deceased was married twice, in 1872 to Richard Boyle, who died in 1896 then in 1903 to Myron Wilson, who died 1910. She is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Holden and two sons, Michael and Bernard, all of Buffalo. Burial was in St. John's Cemetery, Andover.

Mrs. Merle Matteson and two daughters of Whitesville are spending a few days with her parents Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Clarke of Independence.

Miss Doris Baker of the Independence School, attended Teachers' Conference in Whitesville Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Crowner of Elm Valley are parents of a daughter, Norma Ardell, born January 17.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Caffery of Greenwood are parents of a son, born January 21.

The Andover Condensory resumed their ice harvest, Tuesday, after the enforced lay off on account of last week's thaw. The annual ice harvest in Andover is nearly completed, not in years have we had better ice. It is about 14 inches thick and of fine quality. With the exception of three nights there has been steady ice making weather since the holidays.

Superintendent of Schools, W. G. Pope has purchased the E. F. Early house on Rochambeau Ave. and is moving his family from Arkport to Andover this week.

The Big Brothers Class of Arkport, united with the Board of Education and held a joint reception on Tuesday evening in the Arkport Presbyterian Church for a farewell reception for Prof. W. G. Pope who is moving to Andover.

Miss Doris Tubbs of Kilbuck, N. Y., was guest of Miss Onelle Hammell and other Andover friends Saturday and Sunday.

Mrs. Michael Lynch was called to Brooklyn, N. Y., Wednesday by the illness of her mother, Mrs. B. Manley, who died before Mrs. Lynch arrived. Mr. Lynch left on the Train Thursday for the funeral.

40 YEARS AGO

January 22, 1937

Claire C. Backus, Publisher

I. H. Gillilan is in Harrisburg

Pa., where he is judge at the Penn State Fair on Maple Products Exhibits, for the 3rd consecutive year.

The Patrons of the Oxford Product Company Inc., of Andover, met at the Village Hall, Monday evening and formed a new co-operative milk company to be called Andover Producers Co-operative. Attorney Edmund Cook of Buffalo was in attendance and the meeting elected the following Directors: H. W. Jackson, Michael Gavin, C. L. Lynch, Carl Childs, Lewis Baker of Scio, Everett Clark and Henry W. Bell. Following the open meeting the Directors met and elected H. W. Jackson, President, Everett Clark, Vice President, C. L. Lynch Secretary, Carl Childs, Treasurer. The Corporation will be put into effect February 1st.

Mrs. John Lytmore Wood was born in New York City Dec. 1, 1853 and died at her home in Whitesville Jan. 17. She was the foster daughter of Soom and Amanda Clark Lytmore of Independence. On May 25, 1871 she married Adelbert P. Wood, who died Jan. 11, 1912. Burial was in Hillside Cemetery, Andover.

Mrs. Clifford (Rena Ormsby) died at the Jones Memorial Hospital, Jan. 16. She was born in Alfred April 4, 1920, the daughter of George and Mable Green Ormsby. On August 30, 1936 she married Clifford Perry who with her mother, one sister Mrs. Grace Munn of Hornell, three brothers Raymond, Clinton and Stanley of Alfred Station survive. Burial was in Alfred Station Cemetery.

Wilda Kruse, 7 mo. old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Burdette GKrause of Baker Street, died at the Jones Memorial Hospital, January 19.

Mr. and Mrs. Terry Houghtaling welcomed a son, Frederick Maguire January 16.

Baker's Hardware are unloading a carload of barbed wire and nails.

The entire car is to be stocked at the Andover Store.

Directors and Officers of the Greenwood National Bank were all re-elected at their meeting held last week. Directors are: Ward O. Soom, J. K. Miller, John O'Hargan, Jerome White, John P. O'Hargan, John Krieger, George Rollins and Alex Birmingham. Officers chosen are: J. K. Miller, Chairman of the Board; George Rollins President; John Krieger Vice President and E. P. Huley, Cashier.

The Young Women's Friendly Class of the M. E. Church met at the Church, Friday night. After the business meeting, refreshments were served by the hostesses Mrs. Pearl Mesler, Mrs. Lulu Emery and Grace Burger. A fine attendance was reported.

Workmen with a steam shovel are busy this week raking a new road from the South end of Main Street to the T. J. Lynch Farm. The road, being constructed by the Village and Town of Andover, is being changed from the course of the old road. The new road leaves the Main Street intersection the same as before, but after making its first grade back of the Emery Property, will extend westerly along the edge of the bank to the W. E. Pease line where it will swing to the left and go up along the line fence for some distance before swinging back to the Lynch buildings. The change in the road will greatly reduce the grade and better serve the four farms which use it, namely the Lynch Farm, Wm. Hammell Farm, W. E. Pease Farm and the Madison Farm.

At the Catholic Card Party held at Blessed Sacrament Hall, Thursday evening, with Miss Alice Fisher hostess, the following received prizes: Contract Bridge Mrs. James P. Cannon, Auction Bridge, Mrs. Thomas McAndrew, 500 Mrs. John Keough and Mrs. Anthony Dougherty, Pedro Mrs. John C. Baker Pinochle Mrs. Edward Klibane and Mrs. Hiram Boyd, Rummy Veronica Lynch and Mary T. Burns, Seven-Up Mrs. Grace Howland, Door Prize Mrs. Grace Howland and the Cake, Mrs. John C. Baker.

Mr. and Mrs. Chauncey Erley of Greenwood are parents of a son born January 15 at the St. James Mercy Hospital in Hornell.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Hawkins of Bennetts Creek, are parents of a son born January 10.

Mr. and Mrs. Erwin Holt and family and Mrs. Olive Miner of Greenwood were in Hornell on business, Saturday.

Over 50 attended the Home Bureau Party held at the home of Floyd Clarke in Independence Saturday evening.

Cleon Clarke of Independence

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