

**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, what ever 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 bleakest 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**

February 4, 1927

J. H. Backus, Publisher

Miss Emily Clark, daughter of Mrs. Ida Clark of Andover and Walter W. Wood were married December 27 in Philadelphia.

Atty. Lincoln G. Backus and Miss Nettie Youngerman of Monrovia, Calif., were married January 27. Mr. Backus is a brother of Editor J. Harvey Backus of Andover.

Five Allegany County Newspapers were represented last week at the 75th Annual Meeting. Elmer E. Conrath of the Cuba Patriot was unanimously re-elected President for 1927. The Allegany County Newspapers represented were: F. A. Crumb, Alfred Sun; Raymond Stout, Friendship Register; Elmer E. Conrath, Cuba Patriot; F. A. Herrick, Bolivar Breeze and J. Harvey Backus, Andover News.

The Post Office Department announces that beginning on February 1st, the rate of Air Mail will be 10c for each half ounce. That means that single paper letter or ordinary weight paper to San Francisco, or delivery points east of there for instance could be sent for 10c.

On Monday and Tuesday, Feb 7 and 8 the Literary Society of AHS will present "The Little Clodhopper" at the Auditorium. The proceeds will go towards the Senior trip to Washington in June. The following are in the cast: Robert Lynch, Clifford Howland, Edward Cannon, Rose Dawson, Kathryn O'Donnell, Mary Cable, Ruby Robinson, Ima Williams, Lillian Holmes, Louise Harrison, Frances Brundage, Guy Nye, Carl Greene. Music will be furnished by Miss Smith and the AHS Orchestra. Mary Horan will dance. Admission will be 35c.

The first meeting of the Spring Term of the AHS Literary Society was called to order by President Clifford Howland, January 6. The election of Officers took place with Clifford Howland being re-elected President; Vincent Mitchell, Vice President; Oliver Kemp, 2nd Vice President and Mildred Seely, Secretary. The Treasurer position was postponed until the next meeting.

Mr. Max Richardson entertained the Entre Nous Club at her home on Dyke St., Thursday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Cronk are parents of a son born February 1. Mrs. Al Brown is nurse in charge.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond O. Snyder are parents of a son Craig born February 1st at their home. Mrs. Eggleston is caring for the mother and babe.

Those desiring an easy dinner may have the same next Wednesday, February 9 at the Presbyterian Church at 5 o'clock at their catereria dinner.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Furber welcomed a son at their home Northwest of the Village last week. Mrs. Burger is assisting in the care of mother and babe.

"Jigg's" Dinner will be served at the Baptist Church on February 16. Corn Beef & Cabbage, turnips, potatoes, rolls pie, doughnuts, and pickles and coffee, all for 35c.

The Old Bear saw his shadow almost before breakfast, February 2nd.

The News has received word of the promotion of Mr. E. C. Bassett to Traveling Passenger Agent with headquarters at 7 Terrace, Buffalo, N. Y., International Railroad Company and International Bus Corp.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. O'Dell of Dryden Hill are parents of a son born January 20.

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Caffery of Greenwood are parents of a son born January 21.

Mr. and Mrs. Clair Updyke of Greenwood, are parents of a daughter born January 29.

O. A. Potter and son of Independence have a six-tube Radio installed in their home.

Miss Gertrude Beebe was home from Geneseo Normal over the weekend.

"Chuckie's" big production will be given by local talent on February 24 and 25 under the auspices of the Order of Masons and East-

ern Stars, directed by Mrs. G. E. Turner of Maxine Turner Producing Company.

Frank Graves announces New Prices on Radiolas — Radiola 20, less tubes, \$78.00 or Radiola 20 with tubes \$89.50.

**40 YEARS AGO**

January 29, 1937

Claire C. Backus, Publisher

At the Annual Meeting of the Andover Library, Dr. Robert Common was elected President; Mrs. James P. Cannon, Vice President; Mrs. Guy Wood, Secretary; B. S. Brundage, Treasurer and Mrs. E. D. Baker, Librarian.

The Rev. H. J. Gerlack was transferred to East Eden and The Rev. J. Keller of Buffalo has been assigned to this parish.

Matthew Singschmer died January 24 in Jones Memorial Hospital. He was born in Schenectady on April 15, 1873. He is survived by one grandson, Robert of Hornell. Burial was in Woodlawn Cemetery, Wellsville.

The Kings' Daughters of the Presbyterian Church will serve a 2c Supper, February 4.

Miss Josephine Stone died Saturday, January 23 at the home of Hayden Rogers. She was born in Spring Mills, March 21, 1857 the daughter of Lester and Sophia Stone. Burial was in North Bing ham, Pa.

The OES Circle Club will meet with Miss Mary Snyder today.

Mr. and Mrs. Maxon R. Crank of Darien Center are parents of a daughter born January 16.

Ellen Dempsey, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Dempsey, and Robert Updyke were married Oct. 8, 1936.

As a result of the passing of Regents Examinations, the following pupils have been promoted from the Jr. to the Sr. Class: Clifford Burdick, Edwin Kemp, Beatrice Kruger and William Wood ruff. To have a Senior rating pupils must have passed at least 12 unit work. The Senior Class now numbers 25 — 19 boys and 6 girls.

War in the form of a debate will be carried out between the Juniors and Seniors this week and next. Taking part are: Helen Dean, Carroll Burdick, George Joyce, from the Junior Class and Bruce McGill, Hilda Clarke and Alan Tuttle from Senior Class.

Over 225 pupils in the school received medical treatment Monday under the direction of the Local Board of Health, and inspected by Mrs. Carpenter. Both Mr. Bretsch and Dr. Scott expressed satisfaction at the extensive immunity against Smallpox that has been secured in the school and community.

For the past few days the sixth grade has been having a display of Chinese work in connection with their study. The display has been loaned by a friend of Mrs. Harriet Schwarzenbach, the sixth grade teacher.

Several farmers on Greenwood Hill have been plowing the past week.

Edward Brewster of St. Bonaventure College, passed the weekend with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Brewster.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Atwell and family of Elm Valley were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. and Mrs. Clare Jackson, and family Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Downer of Elm Valley were Sunday guests of her aunt, Mrs. Patty Wood of East Valley.

Miss Roberta Church of Bath Collegiate Center passed the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Church.

Mrs. Margaret Cable and sons Francis and Albert of Kenmore visited relatives and friends in town from Friday until Sunday.

Miss Rita Dean of Olean visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Dean Friday and Saturday.

Miss Dorothy Schoonover of South Hill spent Tuesday and Wednesday with her grandmother, Mrs. Bertha Green and took Regent Examinations at the high school.

Miss Eva Kenneis of Tip Top has again resumed her studies at the Commercial Business School in Hornell.

Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Kemp, Mrs. Clifford Wilkins and Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Jones attended a Birthday Party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Clemons in honor of Mr. Clemons Saturday night in Wellsville.

Mr. and Mrs. Claire Backus and daughter, Jeanne and son, James motored to E. Fred, Pa. Saturday guests of her sister, Miss Isabelle Loughhead.

Miss Mary O'Boyle who is teach-

**"Inside The State Capital"**

By James L. Emery

It has been said that some judges are not sending many people convicted of minor crimes to prison because our prisons are overcrowded. Further, we witnessed Governor Carey's proposal this year for the early release of prisoners so as to make more room in our prisons. Neither of these ideas is helping in the fight to reduce increasing crime rates, nor are they feasible alternatives to the problem of overcrowded prisons. If anything, our stand against crime and for imprisonment should get tougher, not more lenient.

A few years ago I advanced an idea of converting vacant state mental health facilities into minimum security prisons. This could be done with a minimum amount of effort and would be much less expensive for taxpayers than the cost of building brand new prison facilities. With the state moving forward on its plans to bring the mentally handicapped back into their communities, the mental health facilities are emptying and may deal has a new validity.

The mental health facilities, in many cases, are already equipped for security. For those that are not, it would not be too difficult or costly to install a fence around the grounds. Additionally, the mental health facilities which are now being vacated already have food, recreation, laundry medical and other basic service facilities which are needed in minimum security prisons.

Another fact to be considered is the large number of employees whose positions would be continued. With the reductions in residential mental health facilities, a large number of workers who provided the maintenance services would be laid off. However, if the facilities are promptly phased in as minimum security prisons the incomes of the support personnel would be stabilized.

With those convicted of non-violent crimes or those nearing the end of their prison sentences not posing any real physical danger to the public, this concept of renovating mental health facilities into minimum security prisons is worthy of consideration. Before the state embarks on a program of letting convicted criminals wander the streets because the prisons are overcrowded, and before the state goes ahead with a program to build new prison facilities, I think those responsible for the state's prison system ought to take a good hard look at this idea.

ing in Medina, N. Y., was a week-end guest of her mother, Mrs. Mary O'Boyle.

Kenneth Goodridge of Fort Niagara, visited his brother and family, Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Goodridge Sunday.

Produce Sales at the Market Basket are: Grapefruit, dozen 69c, or 4 for 25c; New Cabbage 3 lbs. 10c, Radishes 3 bunches 10c, Carrots 5c bunch, Spinach 5c a lb. Meat Specials — Chicken, home dressed 25c lb., Pork Loin Roast, 3 lb. rib end, 19c lb., Shred Bacon half lb. 17c, Haddock Fillets 2 lbs 29c, Whiting Fillets 2 lbs 29c, Hallbut Steak lb 27c and Fresh Eggs 23c dozen.

February 5, 1937

The Protestant Churches of Andover are uniting in their morning services next Sunday for an inter-denomination youth day service. The service will be held in the Presbyterian Church. Those taking part are Farnham Pope, presiding; Mrs. Harold Hardy organist; others are Beatrice Kruger, Charlotte Coryell, Edward Cranford, Jean Millsbaugh, Dorothy Lever, Emily Mae Green, Doris Honegger. Anthem by Union Choir. Sermon by Herbert C. Van Horn, D.D., from Plainfield, N. Y., and ushers in charge: Clyde Briggs, Robert Perry, Richard Clark and Donald Hardy.

The Choir of the First Presbyterian Church of Hornell, will give a recital at the Andover Presbyterian Church, Sunday evening, on February 7. Mr. Cecil Lapo is the Choir director. The recital is being sponsored by the combined youth groups of the Village Protestant Churches.

Miss Dorothy Oakes went to New York City, Sunday where she had arranged for a Secretarial Course at the Central Business College.

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