

DOES YOUR CHILD RIDE A BIKE? An Editorial



If your child rides a bike, more than likely you, as parents, are well aware of the Annual Bike Rodeo which was held this past Saturday that was sponsored by the Andover Chamber of Commerce.

The purpose of this Bike Rodeo is to promote and teach bike safety to all of the youngsters that participated in the program. However, in this case, as well as many others like it where safety is preached, the ones that need it the most — are the ones that will stay away — or else stand along the side-lines and taunt or tease the ones that are making an effort to learn something.

Thus in conjunction with this program, we urge parents to teach their children bike-safety rules which include:

1. Obey all applicable traffic laws such as traffic signals and stop signs.
2. Avoid heavily-travelled streets — and stay off Village sidewalks.
3. Ride a straight path — don't zig-zag back and forth across the street or highway. Keep to the extreme side of the road. When riding in a group, ride single-file.
4. Don't stunt-ride on the street — and never carry extra passengers.
5. Be sure the bike is in good mechanical condition, equipped with good brakes, tires, securely fastened saddle and handle bars adjusted to the rider, a horn or bell, and lights and reflectors for night riding as required by the new law.

In addition to this, we urge parents not to buy a bike that is too big for the child. A bike that is too big is hard to control and becomes inherently unsafe for that reason. And don't let your child ride in the street until he can control his bike, ride in a reasonably straight line, and look over either shoulder to check traffic conditions.

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50 YEARS AGO

August 18, 1916
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 Robert Paul Dean and Miss Margaret Hartje were united in marriage Wednesday, August 2nd.
 Mr. and Mrs. George W. Watson were surprised Saturday, July 29 when about thirty relatives came to help them celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary.
 Charles Morrison of Worthington, Pa., was a week-end guest of his sister, Mrs. A. M. Mingus of South Hill.
 The Langworthy Reunion was held at the home of D. L. and L. L. Langworthy Tuesday.
 Mrs. Grace Robinson and baby, Doris, are visiting at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Howland.
 At a meeting of the Town Board August 14th, Lean Sisson was appointed Town Superintendent of Highways in place of the late E. P. Hamilton.
 Miss Clarabelle Flohr of Canisota, visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Stearns last week.
 Mrs. Phoebe Green of Alfred Station passed Saturday and Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Frank Witter.
 E. G. Hall, a former Andover businessman, was visiting his sister, Mrs. Addie Cook over Sunday.
 Miss Blanche Redmond of Andover, was a guest over the week-end at the home of Mr. and Mrs. U. G. Wilson of Bolivar.
 Miss Redmond was a former teacher in Bolivar.
 Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Whiting of Avon, and Miss Helen Walsh of Boston, Mass., were week-end visitors at the home of William Parndon

40 YEARS AGO

August 13, 1926
 J. H. Backus & Son, Publishers
 Andover will have a Base Ball Team again. William Lauterborn will manage the team and "Dick" Harder will be secretary and treasurer.
 Elizabeth Neidermaier, 2, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Max Neidermaier, died Monday, August 9th. Funeral services were held Wednesday with interment in St. John's Cemetery.
 The Annual Whitney Reunion was held Thursday, August 5th at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Pease with 30 present.
 Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Clarke and Hilda of Independence were week end guests of W. W. Clarke of Little Genesee.
 Mr. and Mrs. Guy Stewart of Hornell spent Thursday and Friday with her sister, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Brewster.
 Miss Lenora Dean in company with Miss Anna O'Leary, went to Rochester Wednesday, from there they will go by boat to Montreal, up the St. Lawrence to Quebec and visit points of interest in that area.
 Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Taft of Pittsburgh, Pa., have been passing the week guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. M. T. Garvin and other Andover relatives.
 The Misses Mary Snyder, Mary Boyd and Harold Howland left Sunday for a motor trip to Philadelphia, Pa., and other points of interest.
 Mr. and Mrs. Charles Whitney of Tioga, Pa., spent the past week as guests of his sister, Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Updyke and family.
 Mrs. A. N. Deninson and daughter are passing the week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Baker.

30 YEARS AGO

August 14, 1936
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 Miss Catherine R. Killgrew of Corning has been engaged by the Board of Education as French and Latin Teacher in Andover High School to fill the vacancy of Miss Gretchen Trenkle, who resigned.
 Mrs. Bridget Doran, 82, died Tuesday, August 4th. Five sons, three daughters, two brothers and four sisters survive.
 Carl Childs was elected President; Rodney Robinson, Historian;

Red's Racetrack Rambles

Well racing fans, we managed to get thru this past week-end with a full racing card — but just by the skin of our teeth. Yep, the races hadn't been over for more than 5 minutes at Woodhull Sunday afternoon — when it really came down by the buckets-full.
 Thursday night at Bradford, the weather was so nice and balmy that it reminded us of a beautiful evening in Florida — only not as many people.
 As far as the races were concerned, it was strictly a Layfield evening with Herby winning the 40-Lap Trophy Race in the Sportsman Feature; and Bill winning the Modern Feature.
 In the Hooligan Feature — the inevitable — finally happened. In this race that is run on the Figure "8" track, the cars that come out of the No. 4 turn and cross the infield towards the No. 2 turn are supposed to have the right-of-way, and the cars that are crossing from the other direction are supposed to stop. However, some of the drivers including No. 95, and 1X, just didn't seem to pay any attention to this rule — so — after a few close calls — WHAM!!! And after the dust and pieces quit falling, 2 cars had to be towed off the track — and were they ever ready for the junk yard! One of the Schimp boys driving No. 1X, didn't yield the right-of-way, and ran into the right side of either No. 9 or No. 9 (the side of the car was so banged up that we couldn't be sure just what the number was). Fortunately, neither driver appeared to be injured — but we wonder if perhaps this won't put an end to this type of race.
 In the Sportsman Trophy Feature, despite the fact that No. 88, driven by Jim Hakes; No. 90, piloted by Larry Swander; and No. 63r., with Lec Gausman at the wheel; appeared to be in good running shape — Herb Layfield's with his old faithful No. 48, jumped out to an early lead and was never seriously threatened, with the other boys crossing the finish line in that order.
 In the Modern Feature, Bill Layfield driving old faithful No. 7X, followed the same procedure as Herby by jumping out to an early lead and let the rest of the pack slug it out for the runner-up slots — and by the time that they were finally lined up in single file — no one was close enough to seriously threaten his lead.
 Incidentally, from what we understand, this week will see the run-off of the Modern Season's Championship Trophy Race — and this will conclude the racing season at this track.
 For a brief re-cap of the evening's results: In the Hooligan Class — Ernie Ishman, No. 94 won the 1st heat; John Schuetrun, No. 13, the 2nd; and Bob Schimp, No. 95, won the Figure "8" Feature.
 In the Sportsman Class: Jay Plyer, No. 79, took the 1st heat; Herb Layfield, No. 48, won the 40-Lap Trophy Feature; with Jim

Hakes, No. 88, coming in 2nd; Larry Swander, No. 99, 3rd; Lec Gausman, No. 63r., 4th; and Dick Coarier, No. 66, 5th.
 In the Modern Class: Chet Smith, No. 202, won the 1st heat; Jim Hakes, No. 04, took the 2nd; and Bud Perkins, No. 57, the "Consy". In the Feature Bill Layfield, No. 7X, came in 1st; Bud Perkins, No. 57, 2nd; Gerry Schimp, 93, 3rd; Jim Schimp, No. 26, 4th; and Ray Jordan, No. 32, 5th.
 In the Grandfather Race — Ray Schimp, driving No. 43, won the checkered.
 At Smethport Friday night, the Firemen had performed the quick change-over from making the 1/2 mile horse racing track for the annual McKean County Fair back into the 1/4 mile stock car track — only, the No. 1 and No. 4 turns that had to be bulldozed out and then were put back in — just wouldn't hold up — as a result of this, those charging cars would get bad holes in those two spots — and the boys would have to go on with a big D-8 dozer and smooth out the turns after each race. More than likely by this week, they will have had a chance to get them packed down — and things will be back to near normal.)
 At any rate, despite this handicap, the drivers really put their cars thru the hurdles and by the time that the evening was over — we'd hazard a guess that nearly 1/2 of the cars were out of the running and in the need of repairs!
 In the Hooligan Feature, Don Winsor, No. 69, came from behind in the last few laps of the race to add another victory to his fast growing string — despite plenty of opposition.
 The Modern Feature which was run-off next, was really packed with plenty of thrills and had to be halted before the boys even got thru the No. 2 turn. Bill Layfield, who was back in action with Hackett's '66 Chevelle — No. 1X — had won the 1st heat and was trying to jump out into the lead in the 1st lap of the big one, spun out in the No. 2 turn and was promptly clobbered by several other cars. When the smoke and steam cleared, No. 1X had to be towed from the track with Bill jumping into No. 7X, which brother Herby had started out the race in — and a restart was in order.
 Despite the fact that "Squirr" Johns wasn't on hand with his No. 511, since he had blown the engine over the week-end, there was still plenty of stiff competition as at least five or six other Stataline cars were in the line-up. And, as soon as these boys got "the feel of the track" after the re-start, things really started "poppin". Thus, when the boys got to look at the checkered flag, Ron Blackmere, No. 4; and Jim Polara, No. 41, both from Stataline, were in the No. 1 and No. 2 slots respectively, with Bill Layfield, No. 7X, 3rd; Ray Jordan, No. 32, 4th; and Bud Perkins, No. 57, 5th.
 In the Sportsman's 50-Lap Fall Championship Trophy Race, Lec Gausman, No. 63r., ran off with top honors despite the terrific effort made by Bill Layfield driving No. 44, and Herby Layfield, No. 48, to try and head him off. Larry Swander, No. 99, also made a game bid but was under the big disadvantage of not being able to drive his heavier sedan thru the turns at his usual fast clip due to the rough spots in the track.
 For a brief re-cap of the racing results: In the Hooligan Class — Ernie Ishman, No. 94, took the 1st heat; John Schuetrum, No. 13, the 2nd; and Vergil Canfield, No. 11, the "Consy". In the Feature, Don Winsor, No. 69, from Olean, won top honors.
 In the Sportsman Class — Max Engles, No. 2, won the 1st heat; Bill Layfield, No. 44, took the 2nd; and Larry Swander, No. 99, the "Consy". In the 50-Lap Fall Championship Trophy Race, Lec Gausman, No. 63r., was 1st; Bill Layfield, No. 44, 2nd; Herby Layfield, No. 48, 3rd; and Larry Swander, No. 99, 4th.
 In the Modern Class: — Bill Layfield, No. 1X, won the 1st heat; Jim Hakes, No. 04, took the 2nd; and Jim Polara, No. 41, won the "Consy". In the Feature, Ron Blackmer, No. 4, came in 1st; Jim Polara, No. 41, 2nd; Bill Layfield, No. 7X, 3rd; Ray Jordan, No. 32, 4th; and Bud Perkins, No. 57, 5th.

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