

THE SILENT KILLER!

An Editorial

A silent, invisible killer, carbon monoxide, is stalking the careless winter driver.

Odorless and tasteless, this gas produced by the incomplete burning of a fuel kills by entering the lungs and cutting off the oxygen that must combine with a person's red blood cells to maintain life.

Winter drivers particularly are susceptible, since carbon monoxide (CO) strikes its victims in stuffy, unventilated places. A person sitting in a tightly closed automobile, who inhales a large dose of CO, can be killed in five minutes.

Most people are unaware that in starting an automobile they put into operation a complete chemical plant. An engine that mixes air and gasoline to power a car also produces deadly acids and gases in the process.

CO also can cause serious illness and even permanent brain damage. Safety officials suspect that many traffic crashes, in which drivers reported they fell asleep or were drowsy, were in fact caused by CO poisoning.

CO's danger signals are a tightness across the forehead, throbbing temples, headache, tiredness, weakness, dizziness, nausea, loss of muscle control and speeded up pulse and breathing. To guard against CO poisoning, motorists could very well heed these tips:

1. Keep your automobile's exhaust system in good shape.
2. Don't run your car's engine in a closed garage sit in a closed, parked car with the engine running.
3. Keep a window open when the engine is running and in slow moving traffic, keep air intakes in the front of your car closed to guard against the exhaust fumes of other cars.
4. If you or any passenger feels drowsy, stop, get out and breathe some fresh air.
5. And especially for you young people that may be tempted to take your date out and park for a while after that week end dance, party, or basketball game—it's much safer to park in her living room, or kitchen—than out in the country with a car motor running!
6. If you think it couldn't happen to you—well, it has! And around here?
7. Don't think that you are any different. When your friend "Dick" Wittie local Photographer, Sunday afternoon in his darkroom, while he was copying and making an enlargement for a mother whose son died in this very manner in this area not too long ago!

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FROM OUR FILES

50 YEARS AGO

Feb. 9, 1917

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Mrs. Elijah Bledsoe, 55, died Thursday, February 1 at her home in Independence. Her husband and four children survive.

Mrs. Elizabeth Phillips, 79, died Wednesday, January 31 at her home on Hill Street. Three sons survive. Interment was in Hill-side Cemetery.

Sidney Kaple and Miss Annabell French were united in marriage Thursday, February 1 at the home of Adrian Oakes on Call Hill.

Ray Hammond and Miss Eleanor Gray, both of Andover were united in marriage Saturday, February 3rd. They were attended by Mr. and Mrs. John Nobles.

Mr. and Mrs. Burrell Williams are the parents of a daughter, born Wednesday, January 31st.

Miss Frances Beebe has accepted a position with the Dansville Nursery as stenographer and began work Monday.

About forty neighbors of Mr. and Mrs. David Hunt paid then a surprise visit Thursday evening. They brought their own refreshments and a good time was enjoyed by all.

Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Crandall and daughter, Abby Jane of Independence are guests this week of Mr. and Mrs. L. N. Boston at Clarksboro, New Jersey.

On account of the blizzard last week, Mail Carrier Mr. Baker was unable to cover his route from Friday until Tuesday.

Mrs. Pearl Lockwood of Hornell is passing the week with her mother Mrs. Luella Benton.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas Robinson have been in Oneonta this week in attendance at the meeting of the State Grange.

Fay Boyd and Porter Richard are in attendance at the Hand ware Convention in New York City this week.

Mrs. Jesse Shuman and babe went to Wellsville Wednesday to visit her sister, Mrs. Nemo Day.

40 YEARS AGO

Feb. 11, 1927

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Agnes M. Harmon, 41, died at her home on the corner of New Road Monday, February 11th. A daughter, Mrs. Bertha Cronk survives. Interment was in Hill-side Cemetery.

LeRoy Jordan has purchased the John Lever Livery barn and lot on W. Greenwood Street.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Feenough of W. Greenwood are the parents of a son, born Thursday, February 10th.

Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Clarke of Independence are guests of Mrs. Altha Stout at Penn Yan Thursday and Friday.

Maxson Green, of Cleveland, Ohio is a guest at his aunt, Mrs. C. M. Crandall of Independence. M. J. Gray went to Purdy Creek Sunday and was visiting friends there until Wednesday.

Curtiss Burdick left Wednesday for Butler, Pa., called there by the death of his father-in-law.

Mrs. C. L. Earley is visiting at the home of her daughter, Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Borden of Rochester this week.

Miss Fernie Green was over from Alfred to attend the play Monday evening and the guest of Miss Edna Barrett until Tuesday evening.

Mrs. Leona Davis returned Monday from a week's visit with her daughter, Mrs. Ralph Taylor of Hornell.

Miss Mira Diffin left Monday for New York City where she will attend a course of lectures given by Harold R. Medina of the Columbia University of Law School.

Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Fuller and Mr. Harold Dawson returned Friday from Elmira where they have been visiting at the home of their sister, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Longwell.

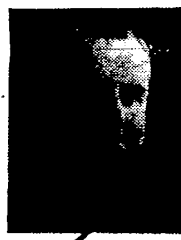
30 YEARS AGO

Feb. 5, 1937

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James M. Pope 78, died at his home at Crosby Creek Thursday

Albany Insight

by Johannes Laursen



THE STATE OF EDUCATION

As always, bills on education will be a major concern for the Legislature. Nearly half of the State's budget is for educational purposes and every year there seem to be requests for sizable increases. This year is no exception.

State aid to local school districts is distributed by a formula intended to insure high educational standards for all students throughout the State. Districts whose financial capacity, as measured by full value of real property per pupil, is close to the statewide average receive State aid equal to 49 per cent of the first \$660 of operating expenses per pupil. Districts with financial capacity above or below the statewide average receive correspondingly lesser or greater assistance. From 1962 this ceiling was \$500 per pupil. It was raised in 1965 to \$600, and in 1966 to \$660. The Board of Regents is now seeking another 10 per cent increase, to \$726.

Public school expenditures continue to rise, according to the Regents, not only because of the need to provide for larger enrollments, but also because of the keen competition for teachers of high competence, the greater cost of more advanced techniques of teaching and learning, the addition of specialists and more diversified curriculum offerings to assure greater attention to individual needs and learning problems, the efforts to keep more students in school until graduation, and the consistently increasing cost of educational materials and personnel services.

NEW YORK COSTS HIGH

The great majority of children in New York State are in school districts which are providing operating expense programs in excess of the ceiling. 76% of the children are in districts which spend above the present ceiling of \$660 per pupil. Only 60% are in districts spending above the proposed ceiling of \$726, and 50% are in districts spending above \$813.

January 28 His wife, three sons and three sisters survive. Interment was in Hartsville Hill Cemetery.

A farewell party was held at the Blessed Sacrament Hall Thursday evening in honor of Father Herman J. Gerlach, who has left for his new home and duties at East Eden.

Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Clarke of Independence entertained Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Potter, Rev. and Mrs. W. L. Greene and Mrs. Maue Clark of Andover Friday for dinner in honor of their 35th wedding anniversary.

Mr. and Mrs. George Calhoun are passing the week with Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Cartwright at East Valley.

Miss Dorothy Oakes went to New York City Sunday where she has arranged for a secretarial course at the Central Business College.

Mrs. Robert Moran of Wellsville spent several days this week with her mother and sister, Mrs. Eller Casey and Mrs. Mary Driscoll.

C. L. Jones was home from Wallkill, N. Y., from Friday until Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Stearns of Oswego visited her aunt, Mrs. Geneva Edwards Saturday and Sunday.

Mrs. Mina Gordon is spending a few weeks at the home of her daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Green of Petrolia.

Wm. Woodruff is passing the week in Pittsburgh, Pa. and vicinity.

Eighth District Adjutant Fay E. Boyd, Miss Helen Folsing and Mr. and Mrs. Claire Backus attended the dinner dance held at the Statler Hotel in Buffalo Monday evening in honor of Harry W. Colmery, National Commander of the American Legion.

These high and ever increasing figures add up to a heavy burden on local taxpayers, and so there is considerable pressure to have the State assume more of the burden. However, the State also has to get its revenue from taxpayers, and the \$726 ceiling would cost the State \$103 million on an annual basis. Therefore, there is also pressure on the Legislature to call a halt to the annual increase.

The Citizens Public Expenditure Survey, a watchdog group, points out that New York already is at the top of the list, with a considerably higher expenditure per pupil than the next highest State, New Jersey, and much higher than California. The Survey adds tartly that there is not one shred of solid evidence that New York schools are turning out a better educated student than do the schools in states spending much less. One leading Assemblyman, Charles Henderson, of Hornell, has called for a legislative query into how the money is being spent in school systems throughout the State. He contends that the present State aid formula does not encourage prudent spending of State aid.

TEACHERS' SALARIES

One of the bills before the Legislature would boost teachers' salaries by increasing the State's minimum salary in districts employing eight or more teachers from \$5200 to \$6200 for the first year of service. This would mean little in New York City and the metropolitan area but would add substantially to salary costs in districts operating on the present statewide minimum. The main reason for the proposal is the critical shortage of teachers. Supporters point out that present teacher salaries compare unfavorably with beginning salaries for bachelor degree graduates in engineering, accounting, sales, or general business.

Senator Clinton Donnick, of Newburgh, chairman of the Senate Education Committee as well as the Joint Legislative Committee, says that any decision affecting expenditures for education will have to wait until it is possible to judge the budgetary possibilities. On the Assembly side, Bertam Baker, of Brooklyn, chairman of the Education Committee, also feels it is too early to estimate the outcome. There seems to be a widespread feeling that any increase in the ceiling will have to be less than the requested 10 per cent.

VOCATIONAL EDUCATION

Two other important education bills are before the Legislature. One will recognize the teachers in their relationship with school authorities. It would give them the right to be represented by their organization in collective negotiations with school authorities concerning the terms and conditions of their employment.

The other would provide the basis for establishing area centers of cooperative educational services (ACCES). This would make it possible for several school districts to get together and set up a comprehensive program of vocational and technical education that can help young people meet the job demands of a modern, technologically oriented society. Special classes of various kinds can also be offered on this cooperative basis.

Last year this bill was passed unanimously in the Senate, but failed to be reported out of the Assembly Rules Committee, headed by Speaker Anthony Travia. The new setup would not have significance for New York City, but elsewhere it could be of vast importance, and it is widely hoped that it will be authorized this year.

Boost Your Home Town!

