

# PARENTS — Do You Value Your Child's Life?

An Editorial

This may appear to be a rather mundane question — but in view of almost daily reports that we hear about — or see ourselves, we feel that it is worthy of any and all attention that can be focused on the problem.

Last week we saw a small child on a bicycle — on the wrong side of Main St., almost get clobbered by a car near the News Office. Then, the same day, a driver reported almost hitting a child on a bicycle as he came wheeling down out of the Grove and out into the Street directly into the path of his oncoming car.

Now, Parents — don't YOU realize that when you buy your child a bicycle — that it is YOUR responsibility to see that he or she, knows and abides by, the "Bicycle Safety Laws"?

This spring, we published these "Bicycle Safety Laws" — yet every day we see small children riding double — weaving all over one lane of the highway. Yet, when we stop and ask them if they don't know that it is against the law — invariably the answer we get is: "We can't help it — I'm taking (Johnny) up to the School Playground!"

Would it make any difference where they were going — if they got hit by a car? It could easily be an unexpected 1-way trip to the Hospital! And, whose fault would it be — or where would the blame lie, if the bicycle should tip over in front of an oncoming car — and both children end up being run over?

Would the motorist be entirely to blame? Or would the responsibility lie with the parents who bought the bike for their child — and then didn't see to it that their child obeyed the Safety Laws?

Here are some of the important Bicycle Safety Laws that should be followed: (1.) Bicycles must obey traffic signs and signals such as stop signs and traffic lights.

(2.) Bicyclists must ride on the right side of the road, with the traffic, rather than of the left side as pedestrians do.

(3.) Bicycle riders must use the same hand signals as motorists, with the left arm. Arm straight out with the hand pointing to the left for a left turn; arm out with elbow bent and the hand up for a right turn; and arm out with the elbow bent and the hand down to signal a stop.

(4.) Bicyclists may not ride more than two abreast on a roadway.

(5.) Bicycle riders must have at least one hand on the handlebars at all times, and may not carry articles that will obstruct their vision.

(6.) Bicycles must have brakes that are strong enough to skid the braked wheel on dry, level, clean pavement.

(7.) All Bicycles must be equipped with a bell or other signalling device which can be heard at least 100 feet away. However, bicyclists may not use sirens or whistles.

(8.) Bicycle riders may not ride double unless the bicycle is built for two persons, and has a seat, handhold, and foot rests for the two riders.

(9.) Bicycle riders must use their own power and may not hitch onto moving vehicles.

(10.) Bicycles operated in the hours of darkness — from one half hour after sunset, to one half hour before sunrise — must be equipped with an operating front headlight, and a red reflector.

These are the most important rules — and the ones that are violated the most.

Parents — when you buy your child that bicycle — remember that YOU are responsible for his or her conduct while operating it — as well as for the child's safety!

And, don't forget — the safety measures and riding habits that your children learn and use now — may very well determine the condition and care of your family car in just a few short years!



## 50 YEARS AGO

July 20, 1917

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Mrs. Erma Clarke of Independence is home from Fonda where she has been teaching the past year.

Mr. and Mrs. S. G. Crandall and Miss Elrene Crandall of Independence were guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Brown at Bradford, Pa., Thursday and Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Bassett of Independence were in Bath Saturday guests of their brother, Floyd Langworthy.

Mrs. Harry Dawson and children of Newport, R. I., are guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Langworthy of Tip Top.

Dean Horan of South Hill, left Tuesday for Buffalo where he will enter Military Service.

Mrs. Margaret Garvin of South Hill is spending a few days in Andover with her daughter, Mrs. Harrington.

Mrs. Merle Baker and son of Salamanca passed the week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Thome.

Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Deming have returned from Ithaca where they have been visiting her son, Leon Cook.

Mr. and Mrs. G. P. McAndrew and family of Ward, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. D. P. Corwin in Andover, Wednesday.

Mrs. Mary Gill of Olean is visiting her sister, Mrs. William McAndrew and other relatives in Andover, Alfred and vicinity.

Mrs. Estella Richardson and grandsons, Wallace and Clark Cummings have been passing the week guests of Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Richardson.

Mrs. P. J. Lynch and children of Patterson, N. J., are visiting Andover relatives this week.

Marle Wilson is home from Ithaca for a few days visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Vars and daughter left Andover Thursday by motor, to visit Mrs. Vars' parents in Holton, Maine. They expect to be gone a month.

## 40 YEARS AGO

July 22, 1927

J. H. Backus & Son, Publisher

Alonso Slocum, 76, died at his home on the Cook Farm on Davis Hill, Friday, July 15. His widow, four brothers and three sisters survive. Interment was in the Slocum Cemetery.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Hall are the parents of a son Carroll Edgar born Saturday, July 16.

Mr. and Mrs. Mark Sheppard are the parents of a son, Mark Junior, born Friday, July 15.

The Misses Florence and Luella Grantier of Hornell were week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Clarke of Independence.

Miss Kathrine Moran of Tulsa, Okla., is the guest of her Aunt Mrs. M. Dean and family of South Hill. Also Miss O'Leary of Hornell is spending a week's vacation with the Dean family.

Mrs. Gertrude Gaffary of Hornell came Sunday to pass the week with Mrs. William Traster.

Mrs. Martha Bloss left Sunday for Washington, D. C. where she will visit at the home of her daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Hunt.

Mrs. Lee Trowbridge and Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Trowbridge returned from a visit at the home of Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Trowbridge of Pulaski, Thursday.

T. J. Regan left Wednesday for New York City to take in the Sharkey-Dempsey fight. He was accompanied by his nephew Thomas Regan of Wellsville.

Mr. and Mrs. Ransom Monroe returned home Saturday after enjoying a week's vacation visit with Mrs. Monroe's sister, Mrs. E. E. Chase of Friendship.

Mr. and Mrs. Elton Green and daughter, Mary Ellen left Friday for Hillsdale, Mich., where they will spend two weeks vacation at the home of Mrs. Greene's parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Taylor.

Mrs. Charles Church left Monday for Chicago and will visit relatives in Illinois and Michigan for two weeks.

Clayton Green left Andover

## Congressman Goodell Comments On Dairy Products Imports

Last spring it became obvious that unless the United States stopped the deluge of dairy products coming from other countries our own dairy farmers would be in serious difficulties.

For some years the United States has limited the amount of dairy products that could be brought into the country from abroad. Loopholes have been found, however, and the increased imports were causing many failures in the ranks of the dairy farmers in the U. S.

In fact, two-thirds of all the farms wiped out since 1964 have been dairy farms, although they comprise less than one-sixth the total number of farms in operation.

When the evidence clearly established that the imports were hurting, I immediately introduced legislation to control the situation. I did this in spite of the fact that administrative remedies were available to the Secretary of Agriculture and the President of the United States.

The evidence was formidable, indeed. The total amount of imports in 1965 was 900 million pounds. In 1966 that total increased more than three times to 2.9 billion pounds.

Under my proposal the imports for a single year would have been limited to the annual average for the years between 1961 and 1965. In addition, my proposal would have closed the loopholes that had been discovered and used to the great disadvantage of the dairy farmers in the United States.

Monday for Nashville, Tenn. where he will install pre-heating machines for the Pre-Heater Corporation.

Mr. and Mrs. Lavern Langworthy of Westbury, R. I., were guests of his mother and brother Mrs. Agnes Langworthy and Edson Langworthy Tuesday and Wednesday.

## 30 YEARS AGO

July 16, 1937

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Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Satterlee, former owners of the Alfred Sun, observed their golden wedding anniversary at Monrovia, Calif.

They were married

June 23, 1887.

Mrs. Edwin F. Earley, 72, died at her home on North Main Street Sunday, July 11th. A daughter, Mrs. Marguerite Walton survives. Also three grandchildren, three sisters and a brother. Interment was in Hillside Cemetery.

John A. Breiding, 79, died Friday, July 9th. Four sons and a daughter survive. Interment was in St. John's Cemetery.

Miss Reba M. Corwin and Raymond F. Dare were united in marriage Thursday, July 8th.

Mr. and Mrs. Burton Thayer are parents of a son, Keith Raymond, born June 30th.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Halsey of East Valley, are parents of a son born Wednesday, July 7th.

The O.E.S. held their annual picnic on the lawn at the home of Miss Minnie Clair, Wednesday evening. Tables were laid for 55.

Mr. and Mrs. R. O. Snyder, son Craig and daughter Nancy Jane left Monday for Calander, Canada for a two weeks vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. B. Max Brundage and daughter of Hamlin, Texas arrived in Andover Thursday and are visiting at the home of his father, F. S. Brundage.

Mrs. Caroline S. Armstrong of Washington, D. C., was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Clarke a few days this week.

C. D. Erskin returned Saturday from Fremont, where he passed a week at the home of his son, Mr. and Mrs. Lester Erskin.

Mr. and Mrs. George Carpenter and son, Robert, were in Brocton guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Ryckman over the week-end.

Mrs. Patrick Hyland visited her niece, Miss Frances Padden in Elmira from Friday until Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Joyce have returned home after passing the week at Cayuga Lake and Pittsburgh, Pa. While in Pittsburgh they attended the Pittsburgh Chicago baseball games Saturday and Sunday.

More than 100 of my colleagues in the House introduced similar legislation.

After these many, many months the Administration finally took the action we had argued for. The President, on June 30, by proclamation limited the amount of dairy imports coming into this country.

Unfortunately his action does not close all the loopholes nor does it reduce the import quotas to the level I would like to see. It should, at long last, be of some help to our beleaguered dairy farmers.

My earlier fears about the amounts of imports for 1967 certainly seemed to be confirmed by the statements of the Secretary of Agriculture. He said that if imports continued through 1967 as they did in the first half of the year, imports would have reached 4.3 billion pounds in 1967.

I am working and planning for continued assistance for the farmers throughout our entire area.

## Red Cross News

The Board of Directors of the Allegany County Chapter, American Red Cross approved today participation in expanded services for whole blood and blood derivatives by the Rochester Regional Red Cross Blood Program to the 39 hospitals it serves in this twelve-county area. This announcement was made by H. Alfred Brush Chairman of the local Chapter.

William F. Blackman, Chairman of the Rochester Regional Blood Program, in explaining the new comprehensive aspects of the Blood Program requested by the hospitals, said, "The increasing population and daily advances in medical science have resulted in more uses and demands for blood and blood products. The present annual blood quota of 59,000 pints will in all probability increase to 85,000 pints by 1971."

He related that since the civilian Red Cross Blood Program began in Rochester in 1948, the Red Cross has recruited the volunteer donors and provided all the blood used in all the area hospitals. There is no charge for the blood itself; however, hospitals do charge a transfusion, laboratory and hospital participation fee. Now, in order to keep pace with medicine, the Red Cross must begin to identify rare blood types and factors and provide component elements of blood for patients who need them. "Packed red cells" and the freezing and storage of rare blood types will also be involved, he said. If the Red Cross did not assume this responsibility each individual hospital would have to establish its own independent blood service which would mean extra facilities and costs.

To help finance this service, the area hospitals will be asked to reimburse the Red Cross a portion of the costs of these extended services. It is expected, Blackman said, that a third carrier, such as Blue Cross and other health insurance agencies, will pick up such costs so that patients will not be directly affected in this regard. The expanded services will begin in the fall of this year.

The Blood Program, according to Blackman, will have the cooperation of the National Research Center in Washington, D. C., in furnishing the people of this region with rare blood and with files listing persons who have rare blood, both in the region and in the nation. It is conceivable, he noted, that blood might come from as far as California to meet the needs of a local person with a rare blood factor hospitalized here. He also said that more effort is being made to broaden the base of this volunteer donor program.

Three Wellsville nurses have completed the Red Cross Instructor's Mother and Baby Care course given under the direction of Miss Ann DiNatie, Nursing Representative from the American National Red Cross, Eastern Area Office. Instructors certificates were issued to Mrs. Jack Palmer, Mrs. George Kamakaris and Mrs. Robt Kinder.

Completion of the course will enable the nurses to teach the Mother and Baby Care course to prospective parents. Mrs. John Palmer, County Nursing Chairman announces the first course will be given this fall.

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