

## SEAT BELTS SAVE LIVES—PREVENT INJURIES!

An Editorial

As a result of the latest head-on accident down at the "overhead" on Route 17, two miles West of Andover towards Wellsville, we have the basis for another grim reminder on the value of seat belts.

Despite the fact that according to the accident report the young ladies were not to blame for the crash, they still had to undergo — and will be subjected to — a great deal of pain, suffer mental anguish, and perhaps even carry scars for the rest of their life — which possibly could have been prevented if the car had been equipped with seat belts — that were being used.

How many of us have seat belts — and don't bother to fasten them if we are just going a short ways — or maybe to Wellsville? Yes, it's very easy to tell yourself that nothing is going to happen if you are only going to drive a couple of miles, and, you get out of the seat belt habit. Then, unfortunately, the law of averages catches up with you — and bang! Crash! — and it's too late! !

Researchers at the University of Michigan report that findings from an intensive study of 177 fatalities in automobile accidents show seat belts would have saved the lives of 40 per cent of the victims. Diagonal shoulder straps, used with lap belts, would have saved an additional 13 per cent. They add that a majority of non-fatal injuries covered by their study would have been prevented by the wearing of seat belts.

Just think of that! Seventy persons of the 177 killed could still be alive if they had used lap seat belts — and 23 more could have been alive if they had used shoulder straps.

Furthermore, statistics show that more than half of all the accidents that occur — are within a 9 mile radius from the victims homes!

So before you start the engine of your car — "Buckle Up For Safety"! The life you save could very well be — your own!



## 50 YEARS AGO

August 24, 1917

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Russel A. Wright, 82, died Thursday, August 18th at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Mary Warfield of Andover. Two daughters survive. Interment was in Valley Brook Cemetery with Rev. V. L. Eggleston officiating.

M. A. Greene, 67, died Friday, August 17th. His wife and six children survive. Interment was in Alfred Rural Cemetery.

Mr. and Mrs. George Barrett and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Stephens returned home Saturday after a delightful trip thru Central New York and Connecticut.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Cheesman are the parents of a daughter born Saturday.

Grant Sherwood and Lee Trowbridge are the Andover men drawn to serve as Trial Jurors at the September Term of Supreme Court.

Nora McAndrew of South Hill has been spending a week with her sister, Mrs. Boyle and family of Belfast.

Harry C. Greene and wife of Cleveland, Ohio, were called home Saturday on account of the death of his father, M. A. Greene.

Mrs. Lois Cook of Fishing Creek was visiting at the W. E. Baker home at Tip Top Sunday and Monday and are now visiting friends at Andover and vicinity.

Miss Mary Pardon of East Valley went to New York City Monday for a week's visit with relatives.

John Cannon and family of Buffalo are guests of Mr. and Mrs. James P. Cannon this week.

Mrs. Anna V. Moulton of Elmira is visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. D. P. Corwin.

Mrs. Frank Terribury has been spending several days visiting friends in Greenwood.

Mrs. J. M. Hartum and father, Lewis Corwin, have returned from a visiting tour among relatives in Pennsylvania.

Mrs. Edith Snyder and daughter, Jonathan, are guests of friends at Silver Springs this week.

## 40 YEARS AGO

August 26, 1927

J. H. Backus & Son, Publisher. Harry H. Williams of Hornell has leased the Andover Auditorium for five years from its owner John Karcane, and took over the Theatre Monday of this week.

The Taboras M. Lynch Post No. 397, are making arrangements for their annual Labor Day Celebration which will occur Saturday, September 2nd to Monday, September 5th.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hubbard of Elm Valley are the parents of a son, born Wednesday, August 24th.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Drake of West Hill, are the parents of a son, born Tuesday, August 15th.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl V. Clark and Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Whitford of Watsontown, Pa., are enjoying a motor trip to Knoxville, Tenn. where they will visit Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Axford.

Mrs. W. F. Snyder, Jack Saunders, Mrs. R. O. Snyder and daughter, Nancy Jane, went to Buffalo Tuesday from there they took a train to Boston, where they met Mrs. Ruby Saunders, who is just home from Europe.

Rev. and Mrs. W. L. Greene, son, Claire and daughter, Eleanor, accompanied by Edward Crandall left by automobile Sunday for Westerly, R. I., to attend the Seventh Day Baptist General Conference in session there this week.

Mrs. Rosellen Casey returned Monday to her work in the Buffalo General Hospital, after a two weeks vacation guest of her mother and other Andover friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Stebbins spent several days the past week visiting relatives and friends in Hornell, Connersport, Bradford and Cyclopedia, Pa.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Smith, son and daughter of Olean have been passing the week at the home of Mrs. Zedie Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. Carlyle Myers of

## Convention Viewpoint

Last week, we discussed the actions taken by the Constitutional Convention in the field of Conservation. We pointed out the Convention has already taken first steps to maintain the State's "Forever Wild" Forest Preserve.

However, every Andover resident knows that there are other natural resources — our trees and wildlife — and these, the living resources, depend on pretty much the same things as we do for life: Air and water. The Convention's Natural Resources and Agriculture Committee, of which Charles F. Stockmeister of Rochester is chairman, has recommended a section for the proposed new Constitution making it the policy of the State to abate water and air pollution.

Air may seem to be a virtually limitless resource, but the fact is that clean air is becoming increasingly rare. Pollution comes from many sources, including industrial wastes, automobiles and heating. Airborne particles can interfere with health and comfort when they are present in dense concentrations and when they are inherently noxious. The dangers of air pollution have led to much research in the field. One report even predicts that if the air continues to be fouled at the present rate, life will be impossible within 50 years. The severity of this problem has

Rochester are the guests of Andover relatives and friends this week.

Mrs. Ray Church and daughter of Voorhees Hill are visiting for a few days at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Grant Sherwood.

Mrs. Letts Thompson returned to her home at Bennetts Creek Friday after a week's visit at the home of her mother, Mrs. Ella Clarke.

and Mrs. Lee Millsbaugh and children were guests of his mother, Mrs. Ella Millsbaugh of Whitesville Saturday and Sunday.

## 30 YEARS AGO

August 20, 1937

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Clare Jackson, chief of the Andover Fire Department, was elected Assistant Sergeant at Arms at the Annual Meeting of the Southwestern Firemen's Association held in Dunkirk last week.

Earl Green won the chopping contest at the Farmers' Picnic held at Eggleston Park last Thursday. Mrs. Mary S. Crandall, 87, of Andover, was the oldest lady present.

Rev. and Mrs. W. L. Greene, accompanied by Mrs. S. W. Clarke of Independence, left Friday for Brookfield, Madison County, New York where Pastor Greene had his first pastorate and where they will attend a unique Centennial Celebration.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Clarke of Independence spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. George Burdick at Bemus Point. Mrs. Clarke remained for the week.

Prof. Burton Crandall has returned from Wasco, Calif., and is spending a few days with Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Crandall of Independence.

Flody Vars and sons, Kenneth and Wendell are passing a few days at Long Lake.

Mrs. Elizabeth Folsing of Manhasset and Miss Martha Furch of Brooklyn are guests at the Folsing home this week.

Mrs. Edgar Cornell of Jasper is spending this week with her brothers and sisters, John and Charles Fisher and family.

John C. McDonough of New York City is passing this week with his mother, Mrs. Ann McDonough.

Mr. and Mrs. John Wetzel and son, Charles of Port Leyden are passing a two weeks vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Chase.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Bassett, Gus Hoff and daughter, Elizabeth of Buffalo, passed the week-end with Mr. Bassett's parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Bassett. Mrs. Earl Bassett remained for the week.

Walter Harris of Buffalo passed the week-end guest of Mr. and Mrs. John Burns. The Misses Joyce and Ann Harris accompanied him home after two weeks passed with Mr. and Mrs. Burns.



August 21, 1967

Mr. Ralph Allen  
Andover, New York.  
Dear Mr. Allen:

As President of the American Cancer Society, Allegany County Unit I wish to express our appreciation for all the space you have given the Society in the Andover News this past year.

The immediate goal of total control of cancer must be accomplished largely through education of the public to the dangers of cancer and the possibilities of cure. It is only through the cooperation of the media and the eminent work of the volunteer that this can be accomplished.

Thank you for your willingness to help "Fight Cancer".

Sincerely,

Roger W. Blaisdell, MD,  
President, Allegany County Unit  
American Cancer Society

given rise to the feeling that the basic document of the State should set forth the State's responsibility in this field. There are equally grim forecasts concerning water pollution. New York State has a great wealth of water resources, our lakes and rivers and the important sources of fresh water in ground — water wells. Domestic consumption of water is the greatest single demand on these resources. It has been estimated, for example, that the total water demand will increase from the present 160 gallons per person a day to 180 in 1975. If water pollution increases, a glass of clean water may become as rare as a breath of fresh air.

Following is the language of the proposed "Conservation Bill of Rights", as reported out unanimously by the Committee for the full Convention's consideration:

"The conservation and protection of the natural resources and scenic beauty of the State are hereby declared to be policies of the State. The Legislature shall make adequate provisions therefor including but not limited to abatement of the pollution of the waters and air and of excessive unnecessary noise, protection of agricultural lands and the development and regulation of water resources. The Legislature shall provide for the acquisition and dedication of lands and waters including structures thereon, now owned or hereafter acquired, outside the forest preserve counties, which, because of their natural beauty, wilderness character, or geological, ecological or historical significance shall constitute the State nature and historical preserve and shall be preserved and administered for the use and enjoyment of the people. Properties so dedicated shall not be taken by any authority, public or private, or otherwise disposed of, except by statute enacted by two successive regular sessions of the Legislature."

The Constitutional Convention, now meeting in Albany, is delving into many important and crucial items, but none more important to the future of every citizen of the State than his very environment.

Any Andover resident concerned about this work of the Convention should either write his local Delegate or the Convention President, Anthony J. Travia, New York State Capitol, Albany, New York.

## LIVING UNDER LAW

## WHAT PRICE BEAUTY?

Skin deep or not, beauty is precious to most people. Both men and women, as a rule, are acutely conscious of their physical attractiveness — or lack of it.

So it is not surprising that people hurt in accidents often seek damages not just for injury to their limbs but also for injury to their looks.

Should that kind of compensation be awarded at all? The law's answer is yes. Even though a scar is not disabling in the same way as a limp or an ache, disfigurement can be a real and serious handicap.

The biggest problem lies in deciding how much the damages should be. How do you put a price on the harm done by a scar.

The courts generally take into account both the characteristics of the victim and the characteristics of the scar itself. Thus, in particular cases,

the following facts have lent weight to a damage claim:

1. that the victim was a girl ("scars on the face of a female are ordinarily regarded as more objectionable than on the face of a male");

2. that the victim had a job (as an actor) in which appearance mattered a great deal;

3. that the scar had an unpleasant side effect (distorted a young man's smile).

On the other hand, damages will be less if the scar can be mended by simple plastic surgery — or if it is in a place where it would not ordinarily be seen.

What if the mere display of a scar to the jury would be shocking or indecent? That could improperly inflame the emotions of the jury. Such a display may be forbidden, usually at the discretion of the trial judge.

However, in most cases, the judge will rely on the jurors to draw fair conclusions from what they see.

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