

# LIVE AND LET LIVE!

## An Editorial

According to reliable predictions, this coming week-end will be one of the most dangerous holiday's to be on the road this year.

How many Labor Day week-ends have you driven through? The chances are, you have spent many holidays on the road without incident. Statistics show that the majority of motorists drive responsibly and carefully in the heavy traffic that floods the highways. You are probably one of them.

However, we have all seen motorists weaving in and out, passing on hills, and tail-gating at high speed — in short, taking chances. This is the kind of irresponsible driving that leads to the accident statistics which have become an expected part of our holiday.

This is something that you, the careful driver, will have to watch out for — and drive defensively.

You — can do something to help save your own life as well as the others with you!

Think of our Soldiers over in Vietnam—that don't have that choice to make. The following is a poem that was sent to us from a Soldier over in Vietnam — and is something for all of us to think about over this coming Labor Day week-end — as well as every day until the war is over:

# THE WORLD'S BEST WAR MACHINE!

(Author Anonymous)

You sit at home and watch TV,  
And sip a glass of beer or ice tea.  
The news comes on and then you hear,  
The all-star game is drawing near.  
And then you see a far-off land,  
Where men are dying in the sand.  
A frown appears upon your face,  
You're tired of hearing about that place.  
Who cares about Vietnam, across the sea?  
It's far away and doesn't concern me.  
You'd rather hear the Beatles play,  
Than learn about the world today.  
It's great to be alive and free,  
Forget the guy across the sea.  
He's far away and waging a war.  
To keep the fight from your front door.  
This fellow faces death each day  
Yet always has something light to say.  
No mail today — a wave of sorrow,  
Then what the hell, there's still to morrow.  
He walks all day — stands watch all night,  
He's tired and sick, but has to fight.  
The college crowd thinks he's a fool,  
But that's what makes him hard and cool.  
Do you appreciate what he'll do,  
Like giving up his life for you?  
Yet, he asks nothing in return,  
The days are hot, the nights are dark.  
What wonders a letter from home could tell,  
He dreams of a nice thick juicy steak.  
Then someone yells, there's a hill to take!  
Some will be heroes because they're brave,  
Others will earn a wreath laid grave.  
You'll spot him as he passes by,  
There's a sad but proud look in his eye.  
He wears the clothes of Olive Green,  
He's called the world's best war machine.  
So remember when you pass him by,  
Respect him Please — he's an Army Guy!



## 50 YEARS AGO

August 31, 1917

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The new concrete construction of the New Reservoir is now complete. J. L. Williams was the contractor.

The Andover Chamber of Commerce will hold a big community picnic Saturday, September 8th at the Village Park in honor of the young men of this town called to service in the National Army next week.

Mrs. Mary Monroe, 60, died Monday. A daughter and two sons survive. Interment was in the East Valley Cemetery.

Robert Mings has rented the Lauterborn property on W. Center St., and will move his family from the farm to town this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Densmore of Fulmer Valley are the parents of a son, born Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Langworthy of Railroad Valley are the parents of a daughter, born Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Green of East Valley are the parents of a daughter, born Saturday.

District No. 4 in East Valley, begins next Tuesday with Miss Ruth Taylor as teacher.

Mrs. Alice Larsen and daughter, Mrs. Carl Walls and baby of Joilet, Ill., arrived Monday for a visit at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Dell Clair of East Valley.

Miss Marie Walsh of Andover visited her aunt, Mrs. R. McAndrew and family of Davis Hill last week.

Miss Anna Livermore returned to her hospital duties in Lockport Wednesday after spending her vacation on South Hill.

Dr. J. S. Stearns of Port Allegany, Pa., is the guest of his brother and family, Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Stearns this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Mark Wilson of Whitesville spent Saturday and Sunday guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Bloss.

Prof. Franklin Cannon of Boston is the guest of Andover relatives this week.

## 40 YEARS AGO

September 2, 1927

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Mr. Margaret Fisher, 65, formerly of Andover, was killed instantly Sunday August 28th when hit by a car at the corner of Seneca and Main St. in Hornell. Funeral services were held at the Blessed Sacrament Church Wednesday with burial in St. John's Cemetery.

Word was received Wednesday of the death of Simon Hann, 79, at his home in Wellsville.

Miss Helen M. Daniher of Wellsville and Howard P. Dean of Andover, were united in marriage Monday, August 29th by Rev. P. C. Tracy.

Jefferson Brewster, 81, died at his home on Harmon St., Saturday, August 27th. His widow, a daughter, a son and two sisters survive. Interment was in Hillside Cemetery.

Word has been received by Andover friends of the death of Mrs. Anthony Gavin of Anderson Ind., formerly of Andover.

Lery Jordan purchased the Langphar property corner of W. Greenwood and First Streets this week of Mrs. Earl Carpenter.

Mrs. W. D. Clarke of Independence is in Andover this week, caring for her sister, Mrs. Calvin Slocum.

Mrs. Jane Updyke returned to her home in Independence Tuesday after a visit at the home of her son, Fred in West Union.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Dean and daughters who have been guests for two weeks at the family home on South Hill, left Friday for their home in Casey, Ill.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Mead and son of Elm Valley, left Tuesday for Syracuse, where they will attend the State Fair.

Mr. and Mrs. Phil White has returned to their home at Greenwood, after spending a few days guests of her brother, Mr. and Mrs. Bert Lewis.

Samuel Joyce, 9 year old son of Mrs. Arling Briggs, died at

## Assemblyman Walkley Suggests End Of Vehicle Inspection Stickers

Assemblyman Frank Walkley announced today that he has suggested to Commissioner Tofany of the Department of Motor Vehicles that inspection stickers on motor vehicles could be eliminated.

Walkley said that because the owner must have his vehicle inspected before it can be licensed there is no longer a need for the stickers. All the owner needs to do is present proof of inspection when he applies for a license. This should satisfy the state that the vehicle is in proper condition for operation on the highways.

Elimination of the stickers would remove a nuisance for owners of motor vehicles. Also, Walkley noted, law enforcement officials would be relieved of the duty of checking vehicles for stickers.

their home on Davis Hill Tuesday, August 30th, following several weeks illness. Interment was in Valley Brook Cemetery.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Pease attended the State Fair at Syracuse from Monday to Wednesday of this week.

Mrs. Clifford Burdick and children are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. S. Norton of Angelica from Wednesday until Friday of this week.

Mrs. Charles Updyke returned home Friday from a two weeks visit with her brother and family, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Erwin of Philadelphia, Pa.

## 30 YEARS AGO

August 27, 1937

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Principal Glenn E. Bretsch begins his fourth year at Andover High School September 1th. 372 young people will start the new school year.

Fay E. Boyd was unanimously chosen as Eighth District Grand Cheminot of the 40-8 at the State Convention held in Troy.

Sixty-five relatives, friends and neighbors gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Briggs Tuesday evening in honor of their 25th Wedding Anniversary.

Mr. and Mrs. M. S. and family moved from the Corwin home on Baker St. to their new home in Whitesville this week.

Rev. and Mrs. John McIntosh and family are spending the month of August in Andover. Rev. McIntosh was formerly pastor of the Andover Baptist Church.

The Misses Dean of South Hill and Miss Mary O'Leary of Andover, left Tuesday for a few day trip to Dunkirk and other interesting points.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Atwell and children, Doris and Ronald of Elm Valley, left Saturday for Flint Michigan, where they are visiting relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Slocum of Shongo and Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Slocum of Davis Hill, visited Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Slocum at Trumansburg over the week end.

Mrs. Laura Holbert of Albion and Mrs. L. L. Spencer of Alfred Station, are guests of Fred and Floyd Slocum and family of Davis Hill this week.

The Misses Wanda and Genevieve Mattison of Whitesville are spending a few days with Mr. and Mrs. Cleon Clarke of Independence.

Messrs. Edward and Philip Crandall of Independence have left for Ashaway, R. I. to visit their Aunt, Mrs. W. L. Burdick before going to the Conference at Shiloh, N. J.

Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Langworthy of Plainfield, N. J., spent the week-end with his mother and brother, Mrs. Agnes and E. C. Langworthy.

Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Hardy and family left Monday for Rutherford, N. J., where they are guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. F. F. McCoubrey until Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Geil Reynolds and Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Alvord are enjoying a ten-day trip thru the New England States, Toronto and Calendar, Ontario and Quebec.

Infants' clothing and blankets should not be treated with insecticides unless they are to be stored, and they should be cleaned or laundered before being returned to use.

## Convention Viewpoint

Many Andover area residents have written the leaders of the Constitutional Convention about the issues of the Convention and about the impact the Convention will have on New York State. Unfortunately, many of these writers have confused the activities and responsibilities of the Convention with the State Legislature. In this week's column, the differences are explained.

The most important difference between the Convention and the Legislature is that the former is concerned with an attempt to apply the cumulative wisdom of the ages to the basic structure of state government, while the latter is concerned with a contemporary effort to deal with the everyday problems of government.

The Legislature carries forward from one year to another an "inventory" of problems and proposed solutions, a central group of experienced members, and a staff familiar with the administrative and technical dimensions of legislation. While it is primarily concerned with current problems, it also must implement the basic policy declarations and guidelines laid down by the Constitution.

On the other hand, a Constitutional Convention does not maintain such an "inventory" nor does it concern itself with everyday problems, as does the Legislature.

The issues presented to the Constitution tend to differ in their level from those submitted to the Legislature. The issues presented to the Legislature normally involve specific details and immediate problems neither required nor desirable in a constitutional provision. The issues of a Convention are less likely to focus on operational detail. Convention issues relate to the underlying structure and processes of government.

With the Governor's approval the Legislature may enact laws that directly regulate persons and activities within the state. Even if the Governor disapproves, the Legislature may override his veto and by itself enact a law.

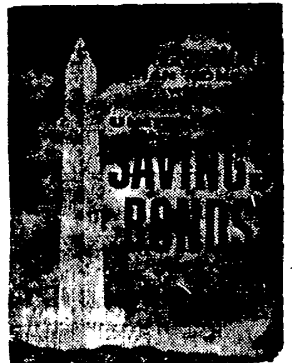
While the Legislature enacts laws, the Convention does not have any such power. It is charged with the responsibility of reviewing the fundamental law of the state. It is authorized only to recommend change, not to effect it. The recommendations of the Convention only become law if approved by the voters.

Delegates to the Constitutional Convention, unlike members of the Legislature, do not place themselves before the public by standing for re-election. It is product of their labors that the people will pass judgment upon.

This Convention must come out with a Constitution that makes strong, effective state government not only possible, but inevitable. With this result, the quality of government would then be dependent upon the courage, far-sightedness and ability of legislators and governors to govern. Responsibility will then rest where it ought to rest.

These differences are important for all Andover voters to understand. The leadership of the Convention is aiming toward a referendum on the proposed Constitution to be placed on this November 7 ballot. The Convention is a unique body, performing an important task and, as we noted, the final responsibility of its lasting effect on the State will be determined by you — the voters.

Don't Drive After Drinking



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