

DANGER! YOUNG PEOPLE BACK TO WORK!**An Editorial**

September brings around a big change in the lives of millions of Americans — both young and old. This is the month when School begins again. For several months the School Doors have been closed — now they are open again so its back to books and blackboards.

Modern education, whatever its faults may be, is a great deal different than it used to be. New worlds have been opened, or are being explored! The frontiers of knowledge are being moved forward at an almost unbelievable speed with the youth of today being offered opportunities that would have been unimaginable, even just a few short years ago. The opportunity is there — it is up to each individual student whether it shall be used to the fullest extent or not.

However, we as adults, can do our share in helping "the younger set" beat their way to a happy success story — or push them into the discard pile. Whether we are motorists, parents, or teachers — we all play an important part in their education!

If we are motorists, we should be reminded that with the school term here — most traffic accidents involving children occur shortly after school. This fall, be especially alert between the hours of three and five p. m., the most dangerous hours of the day for children.

Sound driving calls for lower speeds on residential streets, particularly near parked cars, since most child traffic accidents occur when a youngster darts into the street from behind a parked car.

Let any vehicle transporting children — cross in front of you, whether it's a school bus or not, for it's better to yield the right of way than to take a child's life or cripple them!

Parents who drive their children to and from school should let them off and pick them up on the side of the street where the school is located in order to eliminate the necessity of having them cross the street.

Parents—your children should be taught that they have the same responsibilities on their bicycles as motorists have in their cars. Bicycle riders must give hand signals, obey stop signs and keep to the right, just as motorists do. They should also be taught to be careful pedestrians — looking both ways before crossing a street or railroad tracks, etc.

They should also be encouraged in their school work, and in some cases, made to do their home work so they will be able to keep up with the rest of their class for if they should fall behind in the first five or six weeks of school they are apt to become discouraged and join the ranks of the "Drop-Outs."

Records show that nearly one-third of those who drop out of high school will do so in the first six weeks of the term and thereby doom themselves to the bleakest employment-earnings prospect.

Teachers also have a huge responsibility! Many times you will be faced with the nerve wracking problem of curbing animal spirits which too often were unchecked by parents through vacation. You will also be faced with students who may not be able to grasp your instruction, or who may show no apparent interest.

At the end of the first five week test period you should be able to determine what per cent of the class "is digging your jazz", and if there are very many of them failing, it might be wise to take a good long look at your methods of instruction. After all, its much more important to your reputation as an instructor, to correct a few minor deficiencies than to waste a whole year of your time as well as the students and then have to look at them another year when they are repeating the same subject over again.

Yes, education is a joint effort, and if everyone concerned takes the correct attitude, we are sure that Andover Central School will turn out a well educated group of graduates!

**50 YEARS AGO**

September 7, 1917

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A large barn owned by Floyd Crowner of Elm Valley was completely destroyed Sunday, September 2nd when it was struck by lightning during a thunder storm.

School opened in Independence Tuesday with Mrs. M. A. Bassett as instructor.

Messrs. E. R. Crandall and Floyd Clarke of Independence were in Hornell the past week with an exhibit of pure bred Holstein cattle at the Fair.

Miss Emma Clarke of Independence is in Alfred. She is to teach in the Grammar School the coming year.

Al Hinchey and sister, Mrs. Mary Burdick of Elm Valley left Thursday for Decatur, Michigan, where they will visit relatives and friends for a few days.

School began Monday in Elm Valley with Miss Annette Taylor as teacher.

Miss Nora McAndrew went to Pingrey Hill Monday, where she will teach again this coming year. Miss Lenora Dean opened the school in Fulmer Valley, Tuesday.

Mrs. Ed Earley returned Saturday from a week's visit with her daughter, Mrs. Herbert Walton of Hammondport.

Paul Diffin of Rochester is passing the week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Diffin.

Miss Katherine Folsing left Monday for Penfield, where she will teach the coming year.

Mrs. E. B. Burrows is in attendance at Pomona Grange at Short Track this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Baker and family motored to Portage Monday, returning home Tuesday.

40 YEARS AGO

September 9, 1927

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Mrs. Elizabeth Riley Fuller, 43, died at her home west of Andover, Sunday, Sept. 4th. Her husband, a brother, and four sisters survive. Burial was in Scio.

Jesse Baker, 55, died Friday, September 2nd. Four daughters, eight brothers and two sisters survive. Interment was in Hillside Cemetery.

Mrs. Stephen Taylor, died Monday night, September 5th. Her husband and three daughters survive. Burial was in Greenwood Cemetery.

School opened Tuesday in Independence with Mrs. Martha Robison of Andover as instructor.

The Shovel Hollow school opened Monday, August 29th with Ada Mitchell as teacher.

Miss Ruth Baker of Tip Top spent from Tuesday until Friday in Angelica guest of Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Walker.

Mr. and Mrs. O. R. Hendersor and children of Rochester, spent from Saturday until Tuesday with her mother, Mrs. Millie Baker.

Miss Floie Greene of Tip Top went to Richburg Labor Day to begin her duties as teacher of the First Grade.

Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Burdick of Tip Top are spending a few days in Waverly guests of Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Burdick and Dr. Elwood Burdick.

The Murray District School opened on Monday with Mrs. Teribury as teacher.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Buchholz of South Hill were weekend guests of her father, Mr. Fantom of Hall'sport.

Francis, the little son of M. and Mrs. Leo Horan of South Hill was a prize winner at the Legion Baby Show in Andover Saturday.

Miss Monica Padden has returned to Webster to resume her school duties.

Miss Ruth Robinson has returned to Gloversville, N. Y., where she starts her third year as one of the instructors in the school.

30 YEARS AGO

September 3, 1937

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The Lane School, about three miles east of Andover, was voted closed at a special meeting held



Sept. 1, 1967

Dear Editor:

Do you suppose that another letter to the Editor, complaining about the deplorable road conditions in the Town of Andover, will help get something done?

I am at the end of my rope complaining — it looks as if I'm going to have to start sending some bills to the Town.

I've had my muffler system replaced twice on my car in a little over a year; the car is always out of alignment, and I've ruined tire after tire. Recently, I've had to discard one that has been in use less than a month.

I make at least 6 trips on this road each day and sometimes more — Even after getting clobbered at the Stock Car Races — they are almost as safe as Baker Road, plus numerous others I could name — and I'm sure others feel the same way.

The other members of my family have had the same muffler problem, with their cars as well as tire trouble.

The dust is enough to choke a person — but that is the least of my worries.

Scraping the road certainly is not the answer to the terrible pot holes — and loose dirt soon flies out of them — and the same problem is back again.

Isn't it about time that something is done?

Ellen Baker

1 September 1967

Dear Red & Jeanne:

Just a quick note to ask what happened to our Andover News papers for the week of August 24th. I always receive both copies every Monday — but this week — not Monday, or any other day.

Are you on vacation? Out of town? Press broken down — or what? Sure miss them. Now the issues for August 31 must be out. Do let me hear from you!

It has been a long hot summer — haven't been able to get away at all this year. We have had our home fully air conditioned, so this helps. Barbara has been with us for the month of August but will soon be leaving for their new home in Columbus, South Carolina.

Hope everything is fine with you folks. Margaret Wood continues to send me wonderful data

last week. The pupils of the school will be taken to the new Greenwood Central School.

Labor Day Specials this week: Butter, lb. 35; Coffee, lb. 29c; Apples, bushel, 69c; Chuck Roast, lb. 29c; Cubed Steak, lb. 29c; and Ground Steak, lb. 19c.

Mr. and Mrs. John Lewis of Independence in company with M. and Mrs. Fred Updyke and Paul of West Union, have been spending the week in Washington, D. C.

Miss Helen Langworthy of Niagara Falls is visiting her sister, Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Bassett of Independence.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Payne of Elm Valley, in company with Mr. and Mrs. Harold Payne of Knoxville, Pa., are enjoying a trip through the Adirondack Mountains to Maine and down the New England Coast.

Mrs. Leon Wahl and daughter, Hattie Marie of Elm Valley, are spending a ten day vacation at the home of her parents in Binghamton.

Conrad Church returned Thursday to the University of Alabama after passing the summer with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Church.

Lawrence Hunt of Washington, D. C. is taking his annual vacation at the home of his mother Mrs. Carrie Hunt of Andover.

The Misses Winifred Wentworth and Edna Joyce are visiting friends in Buffalo this week.

Miss Aileen Walsh, in company with Mrs. George Probasco of Whitesville left Saturday for Lake George.

Mrs. Lena Joyce and children of Greenwood spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Updyke.

for my Andover records.

I now have 22 three-ringed notebooks on Andover families that I work on every time she or someone else sends me additional information.

I send my best to you and the Backus family.

As ever,
Daphne

Ed. Note: No, we are not on vacation — although we would like to be! I did spend an 18 day tour of duty at Fort Knox, Ky., as an evaluator for a Reserve Division — the first part of the month — but that was no vacation either. Jeanne also had to work day and night to get the papers out — with the help of some of our friends, while I was at Ft. Knox.

The press hasn't broken down — lately — although we have had trouble with the linotype and folding machine. However, we had them running again the same day — after losing our patience — and a little religion. This has resulted in getting the papers into the Post Office the next morning instead of Thursday evening.

However, that shouldn't have delayed the papers more than a few hours — at the most. The only thing that we can figure out is that "perhaps Mr. ZIP", has made a slip!

We will send you the missing copies so that you can get caught up on the news from "Ye Olde Home Town" — and don't hesitate to let us know if it happens again.

Ed.

Convention Viewpoint

The Constitutional Convention, now meeting in Albany, has entered what will be its final weeks. It has acted upon a number of important measures directly affecting us in Andover and is now entering a "stretch drive" that will include debate on the final wording of the new Constitution that will be placed before the voters of the State for their approval. If the proposed Constitution is to be on the ballot this November 7, the Convention must conclude its deliberations by September 26.

In this column, we have previously discussed over a dozen individual areas covered by the Convention including: concentration, individual liberties, mental health and education, to name but a few. We have also discussed topics covering the makeup of the Convention and its duties in comparison to other deliberative bodies such as the State Legislature.

The November 7 vote will be an opportunity for the people of the State to express their opinion on the product of the Convention.

The Convention leadership is strongly advocating a vote this November because it is felt that the voters, in order to fully understand the proposals and changes embodied in the new Constitution, must be given the fullest opportunity to study the document. Since there is no major state-wide race this year, the voters will have the opportunity to give their full attention to the proposed Constitution.

While it has not been finally decided by the Delegates how the new Constitution will be offered to the voters, the probability is that the work of the Convention will be presented as a single question. This would give the voters an opportunity to vote either yes or no on the entire work of the Convention.

Each voter should be aware of the importance of the upcoming vote. If your civic or community organization would be interested in having a speaker from the Convention attend one of your meetings prior to Election Day, contact the Constitutional Convention Public Information Office, Room 4-G, New York State Capitol, Albany, New York. Many groups and individuals have already done so.

You will be the judges of the results of the Convention on Election Day. The people of New York will be governed under the tenets of this document for generations if it is approved.

"The document will be a blueprint for the future," Anthony J. Travia, President of the Convention, has said.

This blueprint, in some form, will be in your hands. Your vote may be the most important vote you will ever cast in New York.



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