

BICYCLE SAFETY LAWS

An Editorial

With the arrival of the first few nice days of Spring comes the same problem that confronts motorists every year. The problem of children riding bicycles — without following proper safety procedures.

Today, while driving down Rochambeau Avenue, we were confronted with one of the biggest violations — a small boy was giving his girl friend a ride on the handlebars of his bike — and weaving all over the road in the process. So, it looks as if it is high time to review the rules of the road for bicycles.

If you have bicycle riders in your family, make sure that they know the rules of the road. Bicycles are vehicles, and they are subject to the traffic laws. Bicyclists must obey these laws for their safety, and for the safety of others.

The rules and suggestions below are given in plain terms for easier understanding. They are not direct quotations of the law.

— More than one rider on a bicycle is not allowed unless a seat and foot rest are provided.

— Bicyclists may not ride more than two abreast on a roadway.

— Bicyclists must ride on the right side of the road, with the traffic, rather than on the left side as pedestrians do. They must ride on the right because at night, if they rode on the left, their headlights would confuse approaching motorists.

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

— 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.

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

Bicyclists must have at least one hand on the handlebars at all times, and may not carry articles that will obstruct their vision.

— 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.

— Bicycle riders must use their own power and may not hitch onto moving vehicles.

— Bicycles must obey traffic signs and signals such as stop signs and traffic lights.

— Any Bicycle equipped with a motor is considered a motorcycle and must be registered.

In addition to these rules, many Villages require that all bicycles be registered and checked by the local Police Force to make sure they comply with Village Ordinances and Safety Regulations.

And 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!

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

March 29, 1918

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Miss Erma Loughlen of Andover and Lt. Albert S. Smith of Toledo, Ohio, were united in marriage Friday, March 8th.

Mr. and Mrs. Bartley Joyce of Chestnut Street are the parents of a son born Wednesday, March 27th.

Guy B. Donaldson of Hartsville and Miss Anna Sacks of Hornell, were united in marriage Monday, March 19th at Hornell. They will reside in Hartsville.

Three Andover boys are called to the Colors and will leave Belmont April 1st. They are Oscar Gustafsen, Levi Dodge and Lawrence Teribury, the latter being called on the reserve list.

William O'Boyle, 46, died at his home Thursday, March 28th. Funeral services will be held Monday from the Blessed Sacrament Church.

A son was born this week to Mr. and Mrs. Claude Hurd at the home of her sister, Mrs. Loshia Burdick of Elm Valley.

Howard Hann is home from Bucknell University for the Easter vacation.

Miss Katherine Folsing is home from her school at Fenfield, N. Y., for the Easter vacation.

Ray Mead of Hornell was the guest of Andover friends and relatives Saturday and Sunday.

Mrs. J. D. Groves left Wednesday night for Camp Dix, New Jersey, to visit her husband, Capt. John Groves.

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Page of Almond were calling on Andover friends Tuesday and Wednesday.

Mrs. Henry Livermore returned Tuesday from a week's visit with her mother, Mrs. Davidson of Nite.

Mrs. Chas. Colhoun has gone to New York City to visit her brother, Earl Cornish, who is on a mine destroyer.

Mr. and Mrs. Leets F. Thompson of Bennetts Creek were weekend guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Clarke.

Raymond Kemp, Floyd Tuller, Mrs. George Swain and Miss Anna Courtney went to Camp Unton Thursday to visit Private Harold Kemp.

The Misses Ruby Snyder and Ila Brown left Wednesday evening for Camp Unton to visit Private Raymond Snyder, who expects to soon leave for France.

40 YEARS AGO

March 30, 1928

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P. C. Lynch, 65, died at his home Sunday, March 25th. His widow, two daughters, a son and two sisters survive.

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Stout of Rochambeau Ave. celebrated their 30th wedding anniversary Thursday, March 22nd.

Carl Clarke and John Nobles are the Trial Jurors drawn from Andover to serve at the April term of Supreme Court.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Childs are parents of a daughter, born Sunday, March 25th.

Ed Flynn of Independence is moving his family to the Frank Quigg farm.

M. A. Crandall of Independence received word Saturday of the death of his only sister, Mrs. Clara Titsworth at Plainfield, N. Y. Mr. and Mrs. Crandall in company with Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Crandall of Alfred, left for Plainfield, Saturday.

The friends and neighbors of Mr. and Mrs. Carl V. Clarke of Independence, gave them a surprise visit Tuesday night.

Miss Susie Baker was a weekend guest at the home of her aunt, Mrs. Jennie Baker at Corn- ing.

Mrs. Orpha Comstock, who has been passing several weeks with her daughter, Mrs. George Baker, has returned to her home on Rochambeau Ave.

Mr. and Mrs. Neil Sinclair, en- route from Detroit to New York, stopped off in Andover Thursday for a visit with Mrs. Sinclair's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Snyder.



by Alex Rankin

Compulsory health insurance ap- pears to be dead for this year.

Indeed, there are those who say it was never alive in the first place.

Gov. Rockefeller trotted out a new version of last year's bill in a recent speech in Albany. He has yet to put it in bill form.

It is dead because labor leaders don't think it is liberal enough and upstaters think it is too liberal.

Last year the bill covered any- one with three or more employees. This year Rockefeller said he wanted it to include everyone with one or more employees.

The subject is getting to be a standing joke with reporters at press conferences with Rockefeller.

"How is compulsory health in- surance?" someone will ask the

governor. Rockefeller then wiggles his eyebrows and stares at the re- porter for about 30 seconds.

"The name of the program," replies Rockefeller slowly over every word but with the smile still on his face, "is universal health insurance."

Rockefeller keeps reminding re- porters, who still insist on calling it compulsory.

There are those who say the whole thing is a bag full of hot air — the kind presidential candi- dates throw up in the air every so often to "strengthen the national image."

Without going into details, the governor has a habit of trying to beat the federal government to the punch on new programs.

A case in point might be his urban development corporation. This is a program that looks good from the national point of view.

But looking at it from inside New York State, it is extremely difficult to see how the governor could have done more to see that the program gets killed than he did, by including the section allow- ing the state to ignore local zoning regulations.

The average person in perhaps not aware of it — probably be- cause zoning board meetings are scarce on dramatic headlines — but zoning boards wield tremen- dous influence and power.

That, for example, is why there is a law on the books now that says the state cannot fiddle with any local zoning rule unless it passes two different sessions of the state Legislature — almost like a constitutional amendment.

30 YEARS AGO

April 1, 1938

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About thirty local sportsmen gathered at the Firemen's Hall Wednesday evening to consider the forming of a Rod & Gun Club.

William W. Hammell, 72, died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. H. K. Bruner of Silver Springs, Md., Saturday, March 25th, fol- lowing a short illness. A son and two daughters survive. Interment was in Valley Brook Cemetery, Andover.

Miss Marion Swarts won third and Clyde Briggs fourth among the eight contestants in the Coun- ty American Legion Oratorical Contest held at the Belmont High School auditorium Tuesday even- ing.

Fire early Thursday morning completely destroyed the residence of Robert Flynn, about four miles east of Andover.

The Andover Silk Mills started operations Wednesday morning at 6 o'clock.

George Baker is building a house on the corner of Grove and Baker Streets.

Spring must be here — Onion Sets are selling at 10 lbs. for 25c. Other specials are: Eggs, 2 doz. for 39c; Cottage Cheese, 3 lbs. 25c; Veal Roast, lb. 19c; Pure Pork Sausage, lb. 17c; Pork Roast, lb. 21c; Pork Chops, lb. 23c and Chuck Roast, lb. 19c.

Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Potter of Andover, were week-end guests at the home of L. A. Potter of In- dependence.

Mr. and Mrs. George Stephens of Leonia, N. J., were guests of Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Bassett from Friday until Sunday.

Mrs. Edward Hyland is leaving Friday for New York City, where she will pass a short time visiting her daughters, Misses Veronica and Virginia Hyland.

Mrs. Eva Hazlett of Stannards is spending a few days at the home of her daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Howe.

Mrs. Duane Burdic and son, Bradley Lee of Rochester, are spending the week, guest of her cousin, Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Kemp.

Mrs. Donald Kemp and daughter returned home Saturday from Wellsville, where they had been spending a few days at the home of her sister, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Strong.

Mrs. Alice Swarts of Rochester is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. A. O. Kemp this week.

Miss Marian Lever of Elmira, visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Lever from Friday until Sunday.

Ag-Tech Horticulture Open House Sunday

One sure sign that Easter is fast approaching is the announce- ment that students at State Uni- versity Agricultural and Techni- cal College at Alfred are preparing for their annual Horticulture Open House.

The pre-Easter look at spring flowers is scheduled from noon to 5 p. m. on Sunday, March 31, in the Anderson Horticulture Lab- oratory on Route 244 in Alfred.

Theme of this year's event, which is expected to attract re- sidents from a wide area, is "Wish- ing Wells and Flowers", according to Wayne Carter, associate pro- fessor in the Ornamental Horti- culture Department.

He said that students from all curricula in the Horticulture De- partment are involved in prepara- tion for the open house, with Susan Tarey of Portageville, a senior, and Robert Traphagen of Walden, a freshman, serving as co-chairmen.

Visitors will have an opportu- nity to browse around and observe the many varieties of flowers grown at the greenhouse. Besides college students and the general public, the Horticulture Depart- ment faculty and students have invited members or area garden clubs and other organizations to view the floral displays.

The colorful array of flowers will include tulips, daffodils, hya- cinth, azaleas, chrysanthemums, cyclamen, Easter lilies, and such greenhouse crops as carnations and snapdragons.

Students will serve as guides for tours of the Horticulture Cen- ter.

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