

## A PASSING SEASON

An Editorial

The seasons of the year run their course swiftly. No one knows that better than our millions of school age youngsters. The summer vacation is already half gone — and the beginning of the next school year approaches.

Many, perhaps most, will return to school with a feeling of regret. Summer vacation to most young people, with all its sports and many-sided attractions, is fun. Of course there are a few that work all summer, while others attend summer school to either raise their last year's marks or else make up subjects that they flunked out in last semester.

Thus, the majority of youngsters probably wish it could last forever, since its only human nature to enjoy a good time.

However, to a few — it is a time of decision — or rather indecision! These are the ones that are thinking about not going back to school. These are the potential drop-outs!

To these young people — we say: here is a golden opportunity to find out for yourselves how important a High School Education is!

Go out and hunt for a permanent, full-time job! Go to the employment offices of big firms and apply for a clerical or soft-collar job! Go to big industrial plants where you know the workers are drawing big wages for their skilled labor.

What is one of the first questions that you are asked? **How far did you go in School!**

Despite all of the labor-saving progress that has been made, we still live in a world in which work and knowledge are essential. The advances of science and technology have vastly increased the kind and amount of education that is needed if the young person is to have a successful and rewarding career as an adult. Little room is left for the uneducated and the half-educated.

Those who lack at least a high school education face a tough road ahead. Also, college training is of necessity demanded by more and more employers. If you were an employer, would you want to take a chance and hire someone who wouldn't even stick to something long enough to finish High School? Wouldn't you hesitate in spending good money to teach them a trade — for fear that they would become a "drop-out" from your plant — and float on like a "will of the wisp"?

Just what are the prospects for a boy or girl that becomes a "drop-out" from school? If you are a boy would you be satisfied and happy as a "grease-monkey" in a filling station for the rest of your life? If you are a girl, would you be content and settle for a job as baby-sitter, housekeeper, laundress, or the like? Or if you were extremely fortunate and learn a trade or profession would that be enough?

Nowadays, stress is laid on physics, mathematics, the chemical arts, and other of the sciences. But the boy or girl who learns only a trade or a profession — is but half a person. The finished student must have at least a fair working knowledge of literature, the other fine arts, and economics. It is in this last classification that the schools and parents, in too many instances seem to have failed. Too many graduates leave the halls of "Ivy Walled Cathedrals of Learning" with too little understanding of basic economics to even be successful in running their own household after they are married.

As a student — return to school with a will! And let your school and parents properly prepare you for a constructive place in the world into which you will enter as an adult!

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## 50 YEARS AGO

July 26, 1918

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Nathaniel Williams, 62, formerly of Elm Valley, died Tuesday, July 23rd at his home on Hanover Street in Wellsville.

Lightning struck the barn on the farm of the late E. O. Wescot in East Valley Wednesday afternoon and it burned to the ground.

Florence Burdick has returned to her home in Elm Valley from a visit to her grandmother's Mrs. Chas Page near Almond.

The young people of Independence gave Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Pease, at Greenwood, a surprise Saturday evening.

Mrs. Mary Snyder returned to her home in East Valley Saturday, where she had been the guest of Mrs. Will Snyder of Alfred for the past week.

Mrs. Will Green of East Valley is entertaining her aunt, Mrs. Carrie Caple of Roulette, Pa., for a few days.

Miss Elizabeth Folsing of Lenox Hill Hospital, New York City, is home for a three weeks vacation.

Mrs. Joseph Lynch and little girl from Cleveland, Ohio, are guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. C. Lynch.

Mrs. Florence Deming is attending the County W.C.T.U. Convention at Almond, where she is giving a talk on scientific temperance instruction.

D. A. Yentzer and Mrs. Carrie Caple of Roulette, Pa., are visiting Mr. and Mrs. W E Baker this week.

Mrs. Hiram Corwin who has been visiting relatives in Andover for several weeks, went to Roulette, Pa., Wednesday where she expects to pass a few days with Mrs. Arling Corwin and family before returning to her home in Dubois, Pa.

Mrs. Emma Robbins and Mrs. Jefferson Brewster attended the Annual Convention of the W.C.T.U. of Allegany County at Almond Wednesday and Thursday.

Mrs. H. M. Eldridge of York, Pa., who has been spending a few days with her sister, Mrs. D. P. Corwin of Andover, went to Wellsville Tuesday where she will visit relatives for a few days.

Mrs. Ralph Rogers has returned to her home in Buffalo after spending a few days guest of her mother, Mrs. P. C. Bassett.

## 40 YEARS AGO

July 27, 1928

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The Boys Band of Andover has been engaged to play at the Farmers Picnic at Camp Shenawanna, August 9th.

E. Yannie, who purchased the Leonard Ruscitti Shoe Repairing business on Main Street a while ago, has moved his family from Belmont to this village and is occupying the Garvin property on West Center Street.

Mrs. Susan Stebbins of Andover has purchased the farm of E. E. Eldridge and son of Main Settlement and possession has been taken.

A company of Andover old time friends of Mrs. Margaret Dean of South Hill made her a surprise visit last Thursday, it being the occasion of her birthday.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Walton and children of Rochester, are spending their summer vacation at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Earley of Davis Hill.

Mr. Freeman of Knights Creek has purchased the Bess residence and part of the Ed. Earley farm on Davis Hill, and moved his goods and family there last week.

Miss Marion Chaffee of Greenwood is visiting Mrs. Amelia Cottrell of Independence.

T. J. Regan left Wednesday night for New York City to see the Tunney - Heeny fight.

Dr. and Mrs. P. B. Hardy of Tecumseh, Mich., were visiting at the home of his son, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Hardy and family from Friday to Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Leonard of Olean spent the week-end at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Os-

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open line

by Alex Rankin

Something is upside down in the State Department of Mental Hygiene.

No one is suggesting all mental patients should be locked up and the key thrown away. But what happens when the safety of the people of a community is threatened?

Marcy State Hospital is now at the center of such a dilemma.

About five years ago a man from one of the small villages of this state threatened to kill a state trooper who arrested him. He also threatened to kill some of the citizens of that village who helped the trooper, in the spirit of morality which says citizens do not stand idly by in such situations, make the arrest.

In the intervening years this patient has escaped, sometimes just by walking out the front door apparently.

And when he does the people of this village live in fear. So does the trooper.

"I have to be careful when I get out of my car at night at home," said the trooper.

This fear is heightened by the

born.

John L. Gavin returned home Sunday evening from Chicago, where he has completed the course in Coyne Electrical School.

Mr. and Mrs. P. L. Lynch of Hackensack, N. J., were guests of relatives and friends in Andover over the week-end.

Sheridan Witter was home from Buffalo where he is employed in the A & P offices, to pass the week-end guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Witter.

Mr. and Mrs. George Hunt and son of Rochester, visited his mother, Mrs. Delia Hunt last week.

## 30 YEARS AGO

July 29, 1938

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L. E. Robinson of Galeton, Pa., has opened a new Red & White Store in Elm Valley.

William K. Hower, 57, died Tuesday, July 26th at his home on Hill Street. His wife and three daughters survive. Interment was in Hillside Cemetery.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Padden are the parents of a daughter, Madeline Laurene, born Tuesday, July 26th.

Mrs. Arville Green of Davis Hill is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Glenn Amesbury and family at Richburg this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Cleon Clarke of Independence were visiting in Port Allegany and other places last week.

Jason Hawks of Independence in company with friends from Hallsport, are passing a week in Washington, D. C.

Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Downs of Schenectady are visiting at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Menzo Burdick of Elm Valley.

Mrs. Ralph Schwarzenbach is passing a few days with her mother, Mrs. Henry at Canandaigua.

Mr. and Mrs. Delmont VanOxx and Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Alvord visited the Thousand Islands over the week-end.

Mrs. Archie Bloss is passing the week guest at the home of her sister, Mr. and Mrs. Archie Witter of Sidney, N. Y.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Vars and family left Tuesday for Westery, R. I., where they will visit his sister and family, Dr. and Mrs. W. J. Grenolds. They will also visit relatives in Maine before returning home.

Mr. and Mrs. Mark Sheppard and son, Mark of Pittsburgh, Pa., are visiting her parents, Atty and Mrs. C. L. Earley.

Dr. E. Claire Greene a resident physician in Gallinger Municipal Hospital at Washington, D. C., is spending a week's vacation with his parents, Rev. and Mrs. W. L. Greene.

Ralph Williams passed several days last week in Rochester and Scottsville.

fact that last winter two young men walked out the door of Marcy. Before the story ended they had killed one trooper and made plans to kill an entire family. The plans never came off because before they could carry them out, the two men got into an argument and one killed the other.

So a man who threatens to kill a trooper is not taken lightly by the people of this little village — or the trooper he threatened.

On July 3 this man was released from Marcy. The people in the village didn't know about it. Neither did the trooper.

They learned two days later when the patient was arrested after his wife signed a statement saying he had threatened her with a knife. During one of his earlier absences from Marcy he had narrowly missed her with a shotgun blast.

A state legislator, by coincidence, had written a letter to Dr. Newton Bigelow, director of Marcy, two months ago, asking about this patient because of the concern of the village.

Dr. Bigelow wrote back and said "except for the fact that he absented himself from the hospital without permission on several occasions in the last four months he has not shown any unusual behavior and certainly no dangerous tendencies."

And, added Dr. Bigelow at the end of the letter, "We are dealing here with an immature, impulsive young man, who probably could function on the outside if the proper setting could be found and if the voices of the ghosts of his past could somehow be stilled."

In the light of the July 3 release of the patient, the last statement of Dr. Bigelow asks more questions than it answers.

In the legislator's reply he quoted Dr. Bigelow's last statement back to him and then said:

"To me this means the trooper (and the others in the village) who (the patient's name) threatened to kill should forget all about it. It is not that easy and every time (the patient) picks the lock on the front door of this hospital they naturally become upset and alarmed."

"I recently had occasion to confer with (the) brother of the trooper who was shot last winter, who is also a trooper) and I know that it was unfortunate that those two who killed his brother walked out the front door, but believe me the people are upset and they are wondering what steps are being taken to rectify the situation such as that stated in your letter wherein in this particular instance he absented himself from the hospital without permission on several occasions in the last four months."

Nothing, apparently. When police arrested the patient two days after his release, Marcy officials at first refused to accept him. Any they did it later only after the legislator personally called Dr. Bigelow.

A little later Dr. Bigelow was asked about the threats the patient has made against the trooper.

"That's not relevant now," replied Dr. Bigelow.

Which is, of course, absurd and even obscene.

Try telling the trooper or the village it isn't relevant, Dr. Bigelow.

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