

PARENTS — WHO IS RESPONSIBLE?

An Editorial

Parents — who is responsible for the actions and deeds of your children? As the TV or Radio Commercial goes: "Parents, do you know where your child — children were last night at 11:00 p. m.?" To this question, most of you could answer yes — and this is fine!

But, how about after school from say 4 - 5 in the afternoon? Were they playing with other children, maybe visiting with friends — and were they on their bicycles? And, if they were riding their bikes, were they obeying rules and regulations? Do you know whether they even know and obey these laws?

If you know that they know the Vehicle and Traffic (V & T) laws pertaining to bicycles, who then is responsible when they violate these laws? Is the child who commits the violation the one who is apt to be arrested? Well folks, according to that little V & T book that we have already mentioned, IT IS the parents of the child that the Police Officer goes looking for when a violation is observed — and it is the PARENTS that are held RESPONSIBLE!

As a result of two incidents that happened to us within 15 minutes last Thursday afternoon, we felt it our duty and obligation to call the whole bicycle situation to the attention of all parents whose children have, or ride, bicycles. When 2 or 3 lads in the age range of 12 or 14 sit on their bikes — side by side — out in the street visiting — blocking one lane of traffic right beside the R.R. tracks, and when a motorist blows his horn to warn them so they won't pull out in front of him — and gets an obscene gesture in return! Well, we figure it's high time that something is done to correct the situation.

Then, just a few minutes later, to find a youth in the 16 - 18 year bracket stopped cross-wise Rochambeau Ave. at the junction of Main St., completely blocking one lane of traffic — just visiting with a couple of other lads! That is just a little too much to swallow!! And, then to have him "wise off" when this dangerous situation was called to his attention! We've had the course!

Then too, on many occasions we have noticed children riding "double" on a single seat bicycle; and in one instance, we saw three youngsters on a single bike! Don't these children realize that they are breaking the law? Do their parents condone these actions? Don't they realize that they are the ones that are legally responsible?

We have talked the situation over with the Local Police Chief and have this message to pass along to you parents: "If your children are caught with more than one person on a single bicycle — the bike is very apt to be impounded — and you will be notified of the violation." Likewise, appropriate action will be taken on all other traffic violations noted!

In addition to this, we usually have our camera loaded with film in the car with us so-o-o, if we stage a "bike-safety-campaign" — don't be surprised if your child's picture committing a dangerous traffic violation — appears in print, along with the appropriate caption! And, if we have to resort to this type of a campaign to make parents aware of what is going on — it is only because we have the interest of the young people and motorists at heart for, it would be much easier — and less work, time and trouble, to just sit idly by and wait for a tragedy to strike — and then use that for an example rather than to try and prevent an accident.

Here are just a few of the bike-safety rules which should be followed all of the time: 1. Obey all applicable traffic laws such as traffic signals, stop signs, etc.. 2. Avoid heavily-traveled streets—and stay off Village sidewalks. 3. Don't stunt-ride on the street — and never carry extra passengers. 4. Ride a straight path — don't zig-zag back and forth across the street or highway. When riding in a group, ride single-file. 5. Pay strict attention at all times — and keep to the right side of the road or street.

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50 YEARS AGO

Sept. 20, 1918

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Mr. and Mrs. Fred Smith of Second Street are the parents of a daughter, born Friday, September 6th.

T. R. Bassett has decided to close his jewelry store in this village and move his family to Albany where he has secured employment in the Health Department.

The 6th Annual Reunion of the Swain Family was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Dodge in Barney Street September 2nd. Miss Edna Beavers of Buffalo is the guest of her sister, Mrs. Floyd Farwell this week.

Miss Helena Doane of Hornell is spending her vacation with her aunt, Mrs. John Mitchell.

Miss Flora Bundy went to Whitesville Wednesday for a week's visit with friends.

Miss Kathryn McAndrew left Sunday for Rochester where she will enter Rochester Business Institute.

George Tucker, William and Howard Burdick, Jesse Wahl and W. F. Fairbanks were among those from this section attending the N. Y. S. Fair at Syracuse this week.

Mr. and Mrs. John Deming, Mr. and Mrs. James Burbank, Mrs. D. M. Green and Mrs. Addie Coleman attended the meeting of the Allegany County Grand Army Association held at Wellsville Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Mark Wilson and little daughter, Marion, have returned to their home in Whitesville after a few days visit with Mrs. Wilson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Bloss.

Principal Donald C. Clark passed the week-end at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Clark of Alfred. Mrs. Clark and daughter have been there thru the week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Lever returned Saturday from Syracuse and Geneva. They attended the N. Y. S. Fair last week. The trip was made by motor.

Miss Esther Volk of the National Bank force, is in Canisteo for a two weeks vacation at the home of her mother, Mrs. E. C. Volk.

Kappa Zeta for Andover High has been reorganized with Doris Livermore, President; Ruth Robinson, Vice-President; Mary Boyd, Secretary; Ellen Driscoll, Treasurer; with Doris Livermore and Monica Padden, Reporters.

40 YEARS AGO

Sept. 21, 1928

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The first consignment of 2,000 trout under the recommendation of the state first survey made of the Genesee River and its tributaries a year ago, came to Andover Tuesday. These trout were placed in streams above town. Another 2,700 brown trout is expected to arrive to be placed in Dyke Creek.

Evelyn Armstrong and Harry F. Lynton were united in marriage Sunday noon by Rev. Walter Dynes at the Methodist Parsonage.

The Misses Dorothy and Margaret Joyce visited Miss Kathleen Slocum Monday and Tuesday.

The friends and neighbors of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Halsey of Davis Hill met at their home Saturday evening for a weiner roast and pie supper.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Briggs of Himrod are visiting at the home of L. E. Davis on Davis Hill this week.

Mrs. Flora Robinson and children were last week guests of her mother, Mrs. Alice Livermore of South Hill.

Mrs. Vincent Joyce and son, James of West Greenwood are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Graves of Hallsport this week.

After several weeks vacation Miss May Dean of Ithaca Memorial Hospital, returned to that city Tuesday.

Mrs. Velma C. Handlin of Alfred visited Mrs. D. M. Green from Friday until Monday after-

ALBANY

open line

by Alex Rankin

The Conservative party moved its eyeballs first recently in the big staring contest with the New York State Republican party.

The first lever on the third line of the voting machines in this state, as a result, will be blank.

The third line belongs to the Conservatives. The first lever records votes for president.

The staring contest was over the Republican candidate, Richard M. Nixon, and revolved around the electoral college system.

Each party picks members to the college, one for each Congressional district in the state and one each for the two U.S. Senate seats.

Conservatives asked to use the Republican names: Republicans refused. If they had agreed, Nixon's vote on the Conservative

noon. Mr. and Mrs. Harry Smith were week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Allen at Purdy Creek.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Brundage who have been passing the summer at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Guy Wood on Elm Street, left Thursday for their return trip to Los Angeles, Calif.

Mrs. A. C. Frisbey and Mrs. A. A. Porter were week-end visitors in Savona and Elmira.

Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Leach of Whitesville passed the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. O. D. Seaver.

Mrs. Amelia Orvis left Monday for a visit with her granddaughter Mrs. Earl Lyke and family of Howard.

Mr. and Mrs. Clement R. Packard of Ancon, Panama were week-end guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. B. A. Clair.

Mrs. Edna Wilbur was a visitor at the home of her daughter, Mrs. C. P. Sherwood of Richburg the last of the week and also visited relatives in Bolivar.

30 YEARS AGO

Sept. 23, 1938

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Word was received by George Calhoun Wednesday of the passing of his son, Charles Calhoun at the Soldiers and Sailors Hospital in New York City Tuesday night.

Dean Satterlee of Wellsville has been busy for the past two weeks making arrangements for the opening of a dry cleaning and pressing service in the Vars building on N. Main Street.

Miss Louise Folsing of Andover James Fuller of New York City, formerly of Andover, were united in marriage Saturday, September 17th in New York City.

The Rev. Leona Sisson has accepted a call to the pastorate of the Baptist Church in Andover effective October 2nd.

Miss Beatrice Drake of Crosby Creek Road and Douglas Whiting of Elm Valley were united in marriage Sunday, September 18th.

At the regular meeting of the American Legion Auxiliary held Tuesday afternoon, Mrs. Ruth Nottingham was installed President by Past Unit President, Mrs. Ila Snyder.

At the regular meeting of Andover Rebekah Lodge Wednesday evening, Mrs. Berneta Wereley was elected Noble Grand.

Reginald John Sootheran of Buffalo, a recent graduate of the Buffalo Law School, has entered the law office of Crayton L. Earley, the Village Attorney.

Miss Maxine Crandall of Independence is in Hornell where she is attending business school.

Miss Hilda Clarke of Independence drove to Brockport Sunday, where she is entering Brockport Normal.

Leo Grant of St. Louis, Mo., has been spending a few days with his daughter, Mrs. Charles Bissett of Independence.

Miss Dorothy Nobles is attending night school at the Wellsville branch of the Rochester Business Institute.

Mrs. T. K. Regan and sons, Jack

line could have been added to his vote on the Republican line. State law prohibits this addition if the names on the slates of each party are different.

Republicans were accused of permitting a possible Nixon defeat in the state in November by their refusal. They replied that the Conservative party is an opposition party, running their own candidates against Republican candidates in a number of races. They neglected to point out that Conservatives were also endorsing Republicans in a number of other races.

Republicans suggested Conservatives could solve the whole thing by just leaving the presidential lever blank on their line.

Conservatives have done just that.

But not until after they had spent a frantic three days trying to get some of the 43 Republican electors to switch. It didn't work.

In the first place, the Republicans made each of the 43 sign a statement saying they would not switch, and then passed a motion at their executive meeting in New York City saying that if anyone did switch, he would be automatically out of a job.

All this, however, is so much legalistic hairsplitting.

The real motive behind the refusal is the duel over the Senate seat held by Jacob K. Javits.

Conservatives left the Republican party in 1962 because they found Javits and Rockefeller — who run the party — too liberal for their tastes.

In 1966 they surprised everyone by rolling up a whopping 510,000 votes for their candidate for governor.

Now they are running James L. Buckley against Javits.

Most politicians agree that Nixon has good "coat tail" power in the state. Conservatives felt that Nixon, Buckley would have a good chance of beating Javits.

But that was based on the fact that people who voted for Nixon on the Conservative line knew their vote count.

When Republicans refused, the coat tail ripped off in Buckley's hand.

David Eno Named By Commissioner To \$14,850 Status

Commissioner of Correction Paul D. McGinnis announced in Albany the appointment of David L. Eno, of Canton, as public relations officer for the New York State Department of Correction, effective August 29 at an annual salary of \$14,850.

Eno is a governmental reporter for the Albany "Knickerbocker News". He previously had served on the staffs of the Watertown Daily Times and the Utica Observer-Dispatch.

A native of Canton Eno, 26, was formerly press relations officer for the Canton Agricultural and Technical College for three years. He had attended St. Lawrence University. Eno is also public safety supervisor with the 414th Civil Affairs Company, Army Reserve, at Utica.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Eno, formerly of Andover.

and Lester motored to Allegany Tuesday, where Jack began his fourth year at St. Bonaventure College.

Orville Mesler left Sunday for Morrisville, N. Y., where he will take a two year watch-making course in the New York State Technical Institute there.

Mr. and Mrs. David Slocum spent Friday night and Saturday with their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. C. Bohne in Wellsville.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Slocum of Davis Hill attended the Millport Fair Friday and remained for the checker tournament in the evening.