

AUTUMN RAINS SPARK MANY PROBLEMS!

An Editorial

During the past summer we had much beautiful weather to enjoy, but from now until Christmas we can expect some of the worst. Rain is sure to ruin many autumn outings, many trips to games, many routine drives to and from work.

Rain quickly slows traffic to a crawl. Worst yet, it causes streaky windshields and obscures drivers' vision. The Highway Visibility Bureau points out that 90% of driving decisions depend on sight.

If you wear glasses, be sure they're clean when you drive.

Be sure your windshield is clean and your windshield wiper equipment — arms, blades, and washers — is in top condition.

Wiper arms should exert a pressure against the windshield of an ounce to each inch of blade length. If pressure is right and wiper still streaks, it means the blade is dead and calls for replacement or refill.

Headlights should be accurately aimed and all lights in working order.

Also, Autumn can be a joyous time when the world is alive with color and the air has that certain crispness. But it can also be a time of danger for children walking to and from school.

Commissioner Vincent L. Tofany of New York State Department of Motor Vehicles reminds parents, "With all the hustle and bustle associated with the return to school, it is easy to overlook the importance of stressing pedestrian safety rules. However, a few moments spent with the children going over these rules can be time well spent — and may even save a young life."

There are 18 basic pedestrian rules. The first is direct to parents — Set a good example for your children. Here are the others:

- Cross streets at corners, do not jaywalk.
- Avoid entering the street from between parked cars.
- Wait on the curb before crossing, not in the street.
- Look carefully for turning cars.
- Keep looking back and forth as you cross.
- Walk, do not run, across streets.
- When traveling in a group, look for yourself; don't depend on someone else to look for cars.
- Stay within white pedestrian crosswalk lines.
- After waiting for a car to pass, make sure there isn't another coming on the other side before you start to cross.
- Watch out for cars leaving parking places.
- If there are traffic lights at the corner, cross only on green; do not start to cross on yellow.
- At night wear light-colored clothes and cross at lighted places.
- Never play or run in the streets.
- On roads without sidewalks, walk on the left, facing oncoming cars.
- Be alert when entering or leaving buses or cars.
- Obey the instructions of policemen and school crossing guards.
- When carrying an umbrella, keep it up for clear vision.

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50 YEARS AGO

Sept. 27, 1918

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 Mary Sherman Barney, 93, died at her home in West Union September 22. Three sisters survive. Interment was in the family plot at Independence.

Henry O. Burdick, 40, former resident of Andover, died September 15th in Buffalo.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray McGill have moved to Andover from Mt. Morris and will occupy the residence owned by John DeLima on Pleasant Ave.

Miss Maude Wildman is teaching in the East Valley School this fall.

A son is a recent arrival at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Edw. Cable.

The Boys Football Team of Andover High School, has been reorganized this term with J. Emmer Dawson as manager.

Engene Eggert of Elmira is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Eggert of South Hill.

Mrs. Mary Padden of East Valley, is attending Business College in Hornell.

Miss May Dean returned to her home on South Hill Saturday from a two weeks visit in Dunkirk and Buffalo.

Mr. and Mrs. Emery L. Hann of Norwich, N. Y., were visiting Andover relatives this week.

Mrs. R. Howland is in Erie, Pa. being called there by the illness of a sister, Mrs. Burdick.

Mrs. Lottie Wahl of Elm Valley is passing the week at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. U. W. Stratton.

Mrs. E. B. Freeland of Elmira is visiting her mother, Mrs. S. A. Hinchey this week.

Mrs. S. H. Elder and Howard and Robert Deigel of Coleville, Pa. were visiting Mr. and Mrs. E. Hyland Thursday and Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Timothy Baker motored to Harrison Valley last Saturday and were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Van Courtright. They were in two hailstorms enroute home.

Mr. and Mrs. B. S. Brown and children have been guests of Mr. and Mrs. S. S. Scribner the past week.

Will Bundy of Dansville was an Andover visitor Tuesday, going from here to West Union to attend the funeral of Mrs. Mary Barney.

Mrs. Mary Collins of Olean was visiting Mrs. Estella Richardson the first of the week.

40 YEARS AGO

Sept. 28, 1928

J. H. Backus & Son, Publishers
 The fall hunting season for many birds opened Monday, September 24th. A special Deer license must be taken out to hunt deer. This season opens Oct. 15 and ends Nov. 15th.

J. M. Brundage, 62, died in Los Angeles, Calif. Wednesday, September 26th. His wife and a son survive.

A slight snowstorm descended on Andover Monday.

Plummer Kelly has been spending a few days at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Eugene Hurd of Elm Valley.

Mr. and Mrs. Reed Cooper returned to their home in Elm Valley Sunday from a few days camping at Lake Lamoka.

Sixty friends and neighbors enjoyed a party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Glen Amesburg of Davis Hill, Friday evening. A very bountiful supper was served after which the remainder of the evening was spent in dancing.

Miss Loretta Quigg of Andover and Franklin Murphy of Hornell, were united in marriage Tuesday, September 25th at the Blessed Sacrament Church, with Rev. C. E. McHugh officiating.

Miss Bessie M. Slocum of Andover and William C. Bohne of Wellville were united in marriage Monday, September 24th by Rev. Walter Dynes in the Methodist Church.

Mrs. James Hyland and son, Carol of Bradford, Pa., were week-end guests of Mrs. Mary Driscoll and family.



By Alex Rankin

Are you going to a rally, dinner or picnic soon and can't think of a good question to ask the candidate for state Assembly or senate?

Here's one that wraps up the 1969 session of the State Legislature and what to expect thereafter the election:

Ask him what he is prepared to do about the \$700 million state budget deficit the state faces next year.

And if he is an incumbent, get him to tell you what he did during the 1968 session to bring on much of the deficit.

The whopping \$700 million figure is one most state fiscal experts agree on.

What does the deficit mean to the taxpayers?

It would take a 40 percent hike in the state personal income tax

to raise that much money. Or the state sales tax could be raised three cents.

Some Albany experts are already talking about a combination of these two taxes to make up the difference next year to meet the substantial requirements of a balanced budget.

And it must be noted that none of these experts are looking at the other side of the coin — a drastic reduction in state spending.

Their blindness of the product of criticism! The Legislature has for years refused to make major drastic budget cuts.

This year the lawmakers balanced the budget by increasing a number of non-controversial taxes, a handful of business taxes, plus gasoline and cigarette taxes, and by some paper fiscal gimmicks.

The chickens are coming home to roost on these fiscal gimmicks.

But of course next year is not an election year — which is why Legislative leaders felt that they could get away with it.

For example: They changed the date by which state aid must be forwarded to localities. The new date falls in the upcoming 1969-70 fiscal year.

Since the money doesn't have to be paid out in this current fiscal year, the lawmakers didn't have to find money by raising taxes to make the payments to localities.

But that didn't blow the whole thing out the window.

The bills come due in the next fiscal year — so that not only must money be found to pay for next year, but for this year as well.

This year a number of lawmakers in the Senate held out for around \$600 million in budget cuts. Gov. Rockefeller wouldn't stand for it and he cut them up instead.

The revolt fell through. The \$700 million gap promises to be the biggest issue of next year's session — yet few if any candidates are talking about it.

That is understandable. The strategy was to balance a papered-up budget with gimmicks so taxes wouldn't have to be raised in an election year.

If enough people begin asking questions and demanding positions, however, the chickens may come home to roost in November instead of January.

30 YEARS AGO

Sept. 30, 1938

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The voters of the new Alfred-Almond Central School District approved by vote Monday to construct a Central School on the Trask farm located between Alfred Station and Almond.

The grade teachers entertained at the home of Mrs. Ralph Schwarzenbach Monday evening in honor of Mrs. Lawrence Ball.

Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe Tidd are the parents of a daughter, Beatrice Elaine, born Monday, September 19th at their home on Rochambeau Ave.

William Childs gathered a large basket of string beans from his farm this week, which had not been affected in the least by the frost.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Bradley of LaJolla, Calif., were guests of Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Bassett of Independence over the week-end.

The two sons of Mr. and Mrs. David Mattison of Richburg, are spending a few days with Mr. and Mrs. Cleon Clarke of Independence.

S. W. Clarke of Independence has been spending a few days in New York City.

Mr. and Mrs. Shirley Evans and son of Freemont spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Mullen of West Greenwood.

Misses Marion and Marjory Trowbridge returned Thursday from a two weeks visit with friends in Fulton.

Mrs. Carolyn Rhinehart Woy and daughter, June of Berlin, Germany, arrived in Andover Tuesday and are guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Beebe.

Mrs. Mary McCaffery and daughter, Catherine of Rexville, were overnight guests of Mrs. Anne McDonough Monday. And

Tuesday Mrs. Irving Gilfillan, Mrs. Lenna Warfield and Mrs. Anne McDonough motored home with her.

Dr. S. R. Scott and Mrs. W. F. O'Connell and daughter, Miss Gertrude, are attending the State Democratic Convention in Rochester this Thursday and Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Pease and family of Stannards passed the week-end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Pease.

John Burrows returned to New York City Tuesday after a visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Burrows.

Mrs. Mattie Carpenter of Dundee is visiting her cousin, Mrs. W. F. Snyder and other relatives this week.

Mrs. Mary Carr left for Knoxville, Pa., Saturday to make her home with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Merrick.

Mrs. John Boyd, daughter, Florence and son, Jack of Spruce Pine, N. C., are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Parker.

Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Rogers spent the week-end with her mother, Mrs. Melvina Robbins at North Bingham.

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