

ARE YOU AND YOUR CAR READY FOR WINTER DRIVING?

An Editorial

As an aftermath of the many local accidents following our first big snowstorms, it behooves all drivers to stop and do a little serious thinking.

What will happen over the forthcoming Thanksgiving and Christmas Holiday Seasons? Will YOU—YOU—YOU— or YOU be one of the casualties?

With our present cold and snappy nights, the "frost is really on the pumpkin" but that isn't the only place it is to be found. You'll find it on auto windshields as well as on the pavements.

Be sure to scrape it off your windshield before starting so that your vision won't be impaired. Then you will be able to see the telltale sparkle on the pavement that warns you to "slow down — and live".

And, after any fall of snow, make sure that you brush or scrape off all of the snow from your rear window — and other windows as well — so that you can see if someone else is coming in order to drive deferentially.

Have you had your car all checked over to make sure the heater and defroster system is in good working order? The exhaust system including the muffler: not leaking poisonous fumes? All lights working with a spare bulb in the glove compartment or trunk? Good windshield wiper blades that will be able to carry the snow and slush off the windshield—besides the rubber blade being in good shape they need around on ounce of pressure for every inch of blade.

Do you have your winter tires installed yet — at least on your back wheels? In this area especially, everyone should have polar grips or some other regular type of winter tread tires on back at least.

We found out by experience last winter that it also helps a great deal to have polar grip tires on the front wheels as well as on back. This enables you to stop quicker as the weight of the motor on the front wheels gives them more traction and also helps your car stay on the road around curves and turns.

If you plan on doing much driving it would also be a good idea to have a set of reinforced tire chains as well as a bag or pail of sand and shovel in the trunk with perhaps a tow chain or cable for emergency use in your hours or days of need this winter.

Many times a little sand sprinkled in back of, under, and in front of your rear wheels will enable you to get started in a slippery spot without having to put your chains on. Then too the weight of the sand in the trunk gives you more traction on the rear wheels where it is needed to start up with.

If you become stuck in deep snow—a shovel is an invaluable piece of emergency equipment to have with you, and of course a tow chain will enable you to help a fellow motorist out of a bad spot or even have him give you a tow if needed—either if stuck or if your car won't start. Being stalled in a blizzard can be down right dangerous for yourself—especially if it happens to be in the middle of the road during a storm.

Last but not least don't forget the radiator—the car not yours we mean. Make sure you have enough anti-freeze in it to keep it from freezing under your particular needs — either a permanent type of alcohol base will do—if you have a good engine thermostat for the kind that you are using.

As far as your own radiator is concerned—if you are going to do any drinking—do it after your trip—not before. Remember that gasoline and alcohol do not mix—especially for winter driving where one little mis-cue can cause an accident.

Then be prepared to winterize your driving habits, too. Reset the alarm clock if necessary to give yourself more time to drive to work or make that trip at reduced speed and with increased caution in difficult weather.

If you take all of these precautions we are sure that you will have a much better chance of surviving the winter's driving — as well as be able to enjoy Thanksgiving and Christmas — and Easter Holidays.

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50 YEARS AGO

November 15, 1918

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Mrs. Rose McCarey McGuckin, 74, died at her home on Chestnut Street Monday, November 11. Her husband, Daniel, three daughters and a son survive. Interment was in Rexville.

Mrs. Edgar Carpenter, 32, died Wednesday, November 6 at Cana, Kan., where she and her family had resided one week after leaving Andover. Her husband, five daughters, her parents, three sisters and a brother survive.

Katherine A. Fulmer, 76, died at the home of her sister, Mrs. F. D. Green of Hallsport Thursday, November 7. Besides her sister, three sons, and a daughter survive. Interment was in Fulmer Valley Cemetery.

James S. Guinn has purchased the Mrs. F. A. Richardson residence on First Street.

Mr. and Mrs. Curt Burdick have returned to their home in Elm Valley, after being called to Sunbury, Pa., by the death of her mother.

Mrs. Martha Smith and daughter, Helen, were week-end guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dell Hann.

Miss Mary Case has returned from a ten days visit with friends in Connaught, Ohio.

Chas. Robinson is in Syracuse this week in attendance at a meeting of the National Grange.

Raymond Eagan of Hornell returned home Tuesday, after a few days visit with his aunt, Mrs. Ellen Walsh.

Mrs. Wm. Childs chaperoned a party of young people to Alfred Wednesday to attend the Alfred-Andover football game.

Miss Veronica Hyland left Sunday night for Washington, D. C. where she has a position in one of the war relief offices.

Leon Bloss returned to Sayre, Pa., Saturday. George Bloss and Mark Wilson of Whitesville accompanied him and will remain for a time. Mrs. Leon Bloss and son, Elden returned to their home in Sayre, Wednesday.

Miss Belle Rice is storing her household goods preparatory to leaving the last of this week for Bowling Green, Ohio, where she expects to pass the winter.

Postmaster and Mrs. W. F. O'Connell and daughters motored to Buffalo Sunday. They were right in time for the great peace celebration there Monday. They returned home Tuesday.

T. K. Regan has been taking an enforced vacation on account of eye trouble from his duties as Western Union Operator at the Erie Station this week. E. A. Stillman of Almond, is working in his place.

40 YEARS AGO

November 16, 1928

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Silas Kellogg, 87, died at his home in Greenwood Wednesday. His wife and eight children survive. For fifteen years Attorney Kellogg was the valued Greenwood correspondent to the Andover News and editor of the Greenwood Times.

W. N. Rice brought to the News Office Tuesday a parsnip measuring 47 inches in length.

A silver dollar, bearing the date 1834 was recently unearthed on the Ora Woodworth farm at Alfred, while digging potatoes.

Ernest Milligan has purchased the Alfred Robison property on Chestnut Street and will move his family there.

Harold Hardy has purchased the Jesse Slocum bungalow on Rochambeau Ave., and will take possession of same the first of May.

Misses Mary and Celia Gavin of Pinney Hill were week-end guests of Mrs. Leo Horan of South Hill.

Mrs. Patsy Wood and daughter, Margaret of Andover were week-end guests at the Gene Hand home in Elm Valley.

Mr. and Mrs. Leon Wahl and Lewis Guinn of Elm Valley have been spending a few days with Mrs. Wahl's parents near Bing-

hamton.

Mrs. Edgar Cornell returned to her home in Jasper Tuesday after a week's visit with her sister, Miss Agnes Fisher.

Miss Anna O'Leary, who has been visiting relatives at Dunkirk for several months, returned to Andover this week.

Mrs. Henry Livermore and niece, Emily Mae Greene, went Nile Thursday to visit relatives until Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. B. S. Brundage and Mr. and Mrs. P. M. Swink were in Greenwood Monday to attend the funeral of their brother-in-law, Merritt Williamson of that village.

Mrs. Ransome Monroe and sons, Hubert and Ernest Whitney and families were in Friendship Thursday to attend the funeral of their sister and aunt, Mrs. Emma Crane.

Supervisor F. S. Petter is in attendance at the annual meeting of the Board of Supervisors in session at Belmont this week.

Lou Snyder and family and his mother, Mrs. Marv Snyder of Andover were Sunday guests of their son and brother, Henry and family of Belmont.

Mr. Margaret Dean of South Hill went to Ithaca Wednesday for a few days visit with her daughter Miss Mary Dean of that city.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Earley of Davis Hill visited their daughter, Mrs. Walton and family at Fairport, N. Y. from Thursday until Tuesday.

Miss Carrie Leonard and Mrs. Eunice Richardson are spending a couple of weeks at the home of the former in Mauch Chunk, Pa.

30 YEARS AGO

November 18, 1938

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Mr. and Mrs. Donald Kemp are the parents of a daughter, Ruth Jean, born Thursday, November 10th.

The Legion Band held their annual meeting Thursday evening and the following officers were elected: Lloyd Robinson, President; Oliver Kemp, business manager; Francis Vickers, Secretary; C. C. Backus, Treasurer; A. L. Bloss, director and C.L.E. Lewis, assistant director.

Orville Earley, 20, died Monday, November 14. His parents, two sisters and two brothers survive. Interment was in Hillside Cemetery.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Padden are the parents of a son, born Wednesday, November 16.

Director and Mrs. S. W. Clarke of Independence started for Cincinnati, Ohio Sunday afternoon to attend the National Dairymen's Convention as a delegate from the Dairymen's League.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Updyke are now occupying rooms for the winter in the home of their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. James Wentworth.

Mrs. R. A. Clarke of Independence is spending a few days with Mrs. Romaine Bassett in Wellville.

Mrs. Wayne Crandall and Kenneth of Canisteo, are spending several days with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Crandall of Independence while Wayne attends teachers conference.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Spicer of Independence are spending a few days in Wellsville with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gee Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Mead spent Sunday in Elmira with their son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Mead.

Arthur, Patricia and Phyllis Temple passed two days with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Temple in Wellsville.

Mr. and Mrs. William Kibler of Rochester passed several days last week with her daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Carrol Ruger and family.

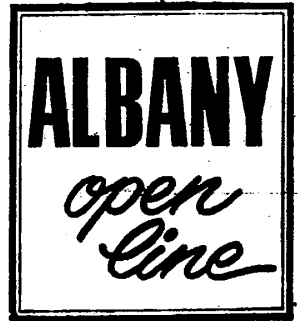
Mr. and Mrs. George Hunt and son, Larry, of Rochester passed the week-end guest of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Parker.

Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Rogers were callers at the home of her brother, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Rogers of Whitesville Saturday evening and also remained over the week-end with Mrs. Rogers' mother, Mrs. Melvina Robbins at North Bingham.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Williams left Thursday for Daytona Beach, Florida.

Mr. and Mrs. Perry Fiskin of Batavia, were guests of his aunt, Mrs. Geneva Edwards over the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Langworthy



by Alex Rankin.

While Republicans who — as this column predicted — recaptured the state Assembly are wearing smiles, taxpaying voters should give some thought to this question.

Has one evil been traded for another?

There is no denying that for the most part Democratic Assemblymen outside New York City were at the mercy of city interests.

Now Republicans control both the Senate and the Assembly.

The big question is whether or not the legislature will become a rubber stamp for Governor Rockefeller, a Republican.

It is a fact that Rockefeller is a very strong governor.

Right about now someone will suggest that this doesn't make much difference because Rockefeller is going to wind up with a cabinet post in the Nixon administration.

This columnist is willing to go out on a limb again:

Don't bet on it.

A few weeks ago I had lunch in Albany with a man who is not only close to the governor, but whose business it is to gauge the mood and character of his boss.

"A cabinet post for Rockefeller if Nixon is elected?" he was asked.

"Look," he replied with a grin, "you know the governor, can you picture Rockefeller taking orders from Nixon?"

Can you picture, he went on, Nixon calling the governor and telling him he can come over to the White House and pick up his speech?

The answer has to be no — unless you are writing a political fiction novel.

So far now — because fiction has a way of becoming fact in politics despite the best logic and reasoning — the rubber stamp question is a reasonable one.

The answer is that there is a reasonable possibility that the majority which will be led by Perry B. Duryea Jr., of Montauk will not become a rubber stamp.

Duryea will go to Albany in January with a three-vote margin.

Who is willing to bet that there are not three Republican mavericks in the ranks?

At the 1968 session of the Legislature the then Speaker Anthony J. Travia had a six-vote margin. Travia put in an 18-hour day. About 17 of these hours were put trying to hold his ranks together on critical votes. At the end of the session his hands shook. These mavericks are going to make Duryea think twice, one hopes, before agreeing, for example, to any sizeable state budget hike next year.

There is another factor. Mostly it is in the mind because few are willing to say anything worth repeating out loud, but there is the feeling Duryea has his eye on Rockefeller's job.

But so does Lt. Governor Malcolm Wilson.

Wilson presides over the state Senate.

It all means the 1969 session is going to be anything but a picnic among friends.

of Plainsfield, N. J., visited his mother and brother, Mrs. Agnes Langworthy and Edson Langworthy from Saturday night until Monday.

Mrs. Charles Monroe and son, Elmer Joseph passed Monday and Tuesday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Foster of Independence.

The State tree of New York, the sugar maple, accounts for more than a quarter of the total hardwood timber harvested annually in the state.