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MAKE THAT "ONE" FOR THE ROAD — COFFEE

This year, auto accidents took a nationwide death toll of 197 for the one-day Christmas Holiday. With more snow, frigid weather and slippery roads predicted for New Year's Eve and Day, many more people will die needlessly in auto crashes. Every year many New York State residents are killed celebrating New Year's Eve festivities. Special studies of these past accident reports show that drinking drivers had a part in 55 per cent of the fatal crashes.

Let's pause a few minutes during our holiday celebrations to consider some facts which may very well involve your life and the future of your family — as well as others!

We frequently hear the slogans "If you drink — don't drive" and "gasoline and alcohol don't mix", during the year-end celebrations.

The only trouble with this is — many otherwise good motorists don't think the advice applies to them — just someone else. They feel that a few drinks never affects their driving ability. The uncomfortable truth is that these motorists are just plain lucky that they haven't had an accident.

The first part of your brain affected by alcohol when you drink — is the section which controls your judgement. Then your reaction time, vision and coordination are weakened.

Even small amounts of alcohol impair your driving ability. With no outward sign of intoxication you can lose the clearness of mind and critical judgement needed to drive — especially at this time when road conditions are extremely hazardous.

Naturally, some people can "hold their drinks" better than others but why take a chance on being like that character that sits on a bar stool all evening figuring that "one more little one" won't hurt him and then falls flat on his face when he tries to stand up.

The Holiday Season is a time for Religious Worship, family festivities and of course parties. Ironically, this period, of good will, fellowship and brotherhood has turned into the most dangerous time of the year for those using our highways.

We don't believe in being like that "ostrich that hides his head in the sand" and saying don't drink over the holidays. However, we do emphatically suggest: "If you are going to drink — do it at home — or at least within walking distance of home". If this is impossible due to circumstances beyond your control then let someone else drive that isn't drinking.

We feel that if this advice is followed there will be fewer accidents, deaths and last but not least — shattered families!



50 YEARS AGO

December 27, 1918

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Miss Myrtle Stearns and Eugene Marvin, both of East Valley, were united in marriage Monday, December 23rd by Rev. H. B. Williams.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarke Fulkerson are parents of a son, born December 12th.

Mrs. Will E. Greene taught the Independence school a couple of days last week for Mrs. Bassett.

Mrs. Augusta Chase of Salinas, Calif., spent Friday and Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Spicer of Independence.

Mrs. M. A. Bassett of Independence, was called to Long Island Wednesday by the death of her sister, Mary and husband.

Miss Mildred Acker of Purdy Creek, was a week-end guest of Mrs. Harry Smith.

Mrs. Ethel Webb of Rochester is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Byron Proper.

Lloyd Robinson came home Saturday from Ithaca to spend the Christmas vacation with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Robinson.

Miss Helen Corey came home from Sonyea to pass the holidays with her father, William Corey.

Mrs. Flora Bess returned Sunday from two weeks visit with Mrs. Charles Fay of Wellsville.

Miss Katherine Folsing was home for the holidays from her school duties at Beacon, N. Y.

Mr. and Mrs. Reginald Starr of Bath, were holiday guests at the home of her mother, Mrs. Ida Baker.

Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Joyce of Fonawanda, N. Y., were guests of relatives in Andover the past week.

Archie Bloss is home on a ten day furlough from Chicago, where he is a member of a U.S. Navy Band.

John McAndrew expects to start Saturday for Breckenridge, Texas, where he will engage in rig-building.

Homer Burger, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Burger of Andover, has been discharged from the Army and is home.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Page of Coudersport, Pa., are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jett Blodgett over the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Miles Livermore of Brazil, Indiana, left for their home Thursday morning, after a ten days visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. Hardy.

40 YEARS AGO

December 28, 1928

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Glenn Swartz, 37, died at his home in Harnell, Saturday, December 22nd. His widow, two daughters, four sisters and a brother survive. Internment was in Hillside Cemetery.

Miss Theda Mary Johnson and Arthur W. Downer were united in marriage December 24th.

Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Trowbridge who have been living at Ramsey, N. J., are moving back to Andover this week.

Mary McKinley of Rochester came home Friday to spend her Christmas vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George McKinley.

Miss Anna O'Leary of Andover was the guest of her sister, Mrs. M. Dean and family of South Hill over Christmas.

Misses Rosanna and Edna Joyce of Davis Hill, were week-end and Christmas visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bert Vaughn of Harnell.

James Dougherty is in Chicago this week, guest of relatives.

Miss Agnes Fisher of Buffalo was the guest of her sister, Miss Grace Fisher over Christmas.

Miss Mary O'Leary of Elizabeth, N. J., is spending the holiday vacation at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. O'Leary.

Miss Mary Cable is home from Geneseo Normal for the holiday vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Cable.

Mr. and Mrs. Betty Stearns and daughter, Marion, returned to Columbia, Ohio, Wednesday, after

spending Christmas with their parents in Andover.

Miss Mabel Wagner came home Saturday from Long Island, where she is teaching, to spend the Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Wagner.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Theegete motored down from Buffalo Sunday to spend Christmas with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wade Theegete and Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Rogers.

Misses Mae and Florence Cocoman of Buffalo are visiting at the home of their father, John Cocoman.

Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Green went to Alfred Saturday, where they have been passing the week guests of Mrs. Ruth Langworthy.

Mrs. Ellen Casey and son, Cornelius were guests for Christmas at the home of her son, John Casey and family of Harnell.

Miss Helen Baker of Brooklyn is spending her holiday vacation at the homes of her brothers, E. D. and A. R. Baker.

Mrs. P. M. Swink passed Christmas Day in Greenwood at the home of her niece, Mrs. M. T. Streeter.

Mrs. Ray Hamsher of Dansville visited her mother, Mrs. William Hower from Friday until Sunday.

30 YEARS AGO

December 30, 1938

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Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Snyder celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary at their home on Dyke Street, Monday, December 26th with an Open House, assisted by their daughter, Mrs. Ruby Saunders and their sons, Raymond and Leo Snyder and their families.

Mr. and Mrs. Everett Clark of South Hill spent Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Lewis of Independence.

Miss Elvora Dean and brother, Louis, spent Christmas with their brother, Howard Dean and family of South Hill.

Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Crandall of Independence, started for New York City Monday, where they are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Greene and Miss Mary Thorpe.

Miss Helen Langworthy of Niagara, is a guest of her sister, Mr. and Mrs. Milford Bassett of Independence during the Christmas vacation.

Mrs. H. H. Hawks and son, Jason of Independence, were guests of her brother, Guy Coats and family in Cluster City from Saturday until Monday.

Miss Leah Oakes of New York City and Miss Dorothy Oakes of Wellsville, passed the week-end with their parents Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Oakes.

Miss Ruth Robinson of South Orange, N. J., came Saturday to pass the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Robinson.

Mrs. Hattie Clark of Fall Brook, California, arrived Thursday to pass some time with her sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Trowbridge.

Mrs. Anna Moran and two sons of Wellsville, were overnight guests of her mother and sister, Mrs. Ellen Casey and Mrs. Mary Driscoll.

Miss Elizabeth Folsing left Tuesday morning for Toledo, Ohio, to visit her sister, Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Burns before returning to her work at Manhattan, L. I.

Miss Florence Parker and Miss Ruth Slocum, of the Buffalo General Hospital, were Christmas Day guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Parker and Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Slocum.

Mr. and Mrs. Ezra Slocum are spending a few days visiting her sister, Mrs. Nora Prager of Ceres.

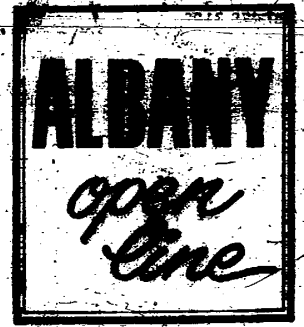
Mrs. Carolyn Hunt visited her brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Reisman, Sunday and Monday at Angelika.

Harry Joyce of Buffalo is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Joyce, Sr.

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Longwell and children of Elmhurst, are holiday guests at the home of her mother, Mrs. Matilda Raufenbach.

Emmett Dawson is home from Dewey to pass the Christmas vacation with his mother, Mrs. Midge Dawson and family.

Baking soda, when mixed with water, can remove coffee and tea stains from china and enamel dishes, and can be used also to clean glass, wall tile, and porcelain enamel.



by Alex Rankin

A lot of people were shocked and alarmed a few weeks ago when the State Teachers Association during their meeting in Buffalo passed a resolution saying they would go on strike if the state Legislature failed to hike per pupil state aid to local school districts to \$900.

And a lot of people who are still talking about it today might find themselves guilty of crying "wolf".

Two things suggest this. The first is the strong possibility that most of the teachers didn't know what they were doing when they passed the resolution in the first place.

The word "strike", isn't in the resolution. The resolution uses the words "temporary withdrawal of services."

Newspaper headline writers saw those words and used the word "strike."

The night one of the teachers got up and questioned the use of the word "strike" in the headlines, indicating that it didn't say what the resolution meant.

Richard R. Rowley of Albany, the association's counsel, was asked to explain to the delegates what the resolution meant.

Rowley told them the word "strike" was justified.

Not a few of the delegates had their mouths open after he finished.

The second point is that if a strike is called it will test the strength of the association.

There is good reason that there will be no strike simply because the STA doesn't want any test of its strength — because it might fail.

Failure would seem to be a good possibility.

If the state association called a strike, it would have to be ratified by the local units of the association. It would be up to each local unit to decide if they actually wanted to walk-out.

Local pressures on the local units would be severe and the whole thing could crumble — leaving the state organization with an embarrassing failure on its hands.

The state organization has until now been nothing more than a loose affiliation of the local units.

It would be more realistic to suggest that the association wanted to do something to satisfy its more militant members. Some association members are unhappy that their organization has been characterized as a "tea and crumpet outfit."

Mrs. Catherine Barrett of Syracuse, president of the state association, said the Legislature will hike the ceiling to \$900 a pupil "if the Legislature really has the interests of the children at heart."

But the Legislature might also decide to take the interests of tax-paying parents to heart.

Hiking the ceiling to \$900 would cost \$153 million in the 1969 - 70 budget. But it would double to \$326 million in the following budget year. That is because the increase for the first year would cover only half that school year. The following year it would be on a full year basis.

That is what is going to happen next year because of the ceiling hike the Legislature passed the last Session — from \$660 to the present \$740 per pupil. This year it cost about \$56 million. Next year it will cost \$100 million.

Total state spending is going to be up \$1.8 billion next year. Some \$750 million of it will have to be paid for by raising taxes — probably the income and sales taxes.

The next man on at the somewhat hazy — they admit they can't solve the riddle.

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