

BICYCLE SAFETY LAWS

An Editorial

With the arrival of the first few nice days of Spring comes the same problem that confronts motorists every year. The problem of children riding bicycles — without following proper safety procedures.

Today, while driving down Rochambeau Avenue, we were confronted with one of the biggest violations — a small boy was giving his friend a ride on the handlebars of his bike — and weaving all over the road in the process. So, it looks as if it is high time to review the rules of the road for bicycles.

If you have bicycle riders in your family, make sure that they know the rules of the road. Bicycles are vehicles and they are subject to the traffic laws. Bicyclists must obey these laws for their safety, and for the safety of others.

The rules and suggestions below are given in plain terms for easier understanding. They are not direct quotations of the law.

— More than one rider on a bicycle is not allowed unless a seat and foot rest are provided.

— Bicyclists may not ride more than two abreast on a roadway.

— Bicyclists must ride on the right side of the road, with the traffic, rather than on the left side as pedestrians do. They must ride on the right because at night, if they rode on the left, their headlights would confuse approaching motorists.

— Bicycles operated in the hours of darkness — from one half hour after sunset to one half hour after sunrise — must be equipped with an operating front headlight, and a red reflector.

— All Bicycles must be equipped with a bell or other signalling device which can be heard at least 100 feet away. However, bicyclists may not use sirens or whistles.

— Bicycles must have brakes that are strong enough to skid the braked wheel on dry, level, clean pavement.

— Bicyclists must have at least one hand on the handlebars at all times, and may not carry articles that will obstruct their vision.

— Bicycle riders must use the same hand signals as motorists, with the left arm: arm straight out with the hand pointing to the left for a left turn; arm out with elbow bent and the hand up for a right turn; and arm out with the elbow bent and the hand down to signal a stop.

— Bicycle riders must use their own power and may not hitch onto moving vehicles.

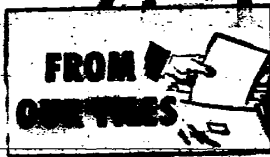
— Bicycles must obey traffic signs and signals such as stop signs and traffic lights.

— Any Bicycle equipped with a motor is considered a motorcycle and must be registered.

In addition to these rules, many Villages require that all bicycles be registered and checked by the local Police Force to make sure they comply with Village Ordinances and Safety Regulations.

And Parents — when you buy your child that bicycle — remember that YOU are responsible for his or her conduct while operating it as well as for the child's safety!

Don't Forget — the safety measures and riding habits that your children learn and use now, may very well determine the condition and care of your family car in just a few short years.



50 YEARS AGO

March 21, 1886

J. H. Backus, Publisher. E. J. Arwood has purchased the P. L. Lynch property on West Greenwood Street, formerly the Andover Sanitarium building.

Mrs. Flora C. Deming has sold her property on Pleasant Ave. to Mr. and Mrs. Stebbins of Soe, who will take possession as soon as Mr. and Mrs. Deming move into their brick residence on the same street.

Byron Ruger has accepted a position in the Almond Milk Station as Superintendent.

George Tucker has been chosen as delegate to represent the Elm Valley branch of the Dairymen's League at the convention in Utica this week.

Howard Dean is again on his South Hill farm, after a three months sojourn in Oklahoma.

Mrs. Laura Halbot of Hornell was the guest of her brother, Alonzo Slocum Saturday.

Edgar Carpenter and three children returned to Andover Saturday from Dewey, Oklahoma.

Chas. Mourhess of Washington, D. C., is passing a few days with his mother, Mrs. Sylvia Mourhess.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Brainard of Hornell spent Sunday with his mother, Mrs. Sarah Brainard.

Mrs. Anna Moquin of Woodhull is spending a few days with her sister, Mrs. Robert Brundage.

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Smith visited friends in Wellsville, Olean and Salamanca over the week-end.

Mrs. Grant Sherwood has returned home from several days stay at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Raymond Church of Voorhees Hill.

Edward Adams, Mrs. Frank Malando and Miss Florence Adams of Canaan, Conn., are guests this week of Mr. and Mrs. H. Stephens.

Mrs. Nathaniel Teribury and little babe arrived in Andover Tuesday from Cleveland, Ohio, for a visit with relatives in Andover and Alfred.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Bennett of Canisteo were visiting at the homes of their daughters, Mr. and Mrs. Hervey Thorne and Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Scott Wednesday and Thursday.

40 YEARS AGO

March 22, 1929

J. H. Backus & Son, Publishers. A contract has been signed by Alvin Dunbar, principal of the Andover High School, to supply the principalship of Canisteo Academy for the coming year.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Guinn of Port Jervis, are the parents of a daughter born Wednesday, Mar. 20th.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Teribury have returned to Andover from Genesee, Pa., and have rented the Edna Barrett property on Second Street.

The first electric storm of the year descended on this vicinity Friday night. It was a genuine one.

Mr. and Mrs. Francis Casey have moved from Andover to a farm at Spring Mills, Pa.

Miss Genevieve Clark of Davis Hill, District, attended the teachers' conference at Hornell on Thursday and Friday of this week.

Eugene Crandall of Alfred was a guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Spicer of Independence over the week-end.

Mrs. Gertrude Potter of West Greenwood received word of the death of her father James Wallace near Whitesville, Saturday.

Mrs. Mina Gordon was the guest of her daughter, Mrs. Raymond Nue of Petrolia over the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Cornelius O'Leary of Wellsville were week-end guests of her sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Kilbane.

Mrs. Ernest Kirby accompanied her mother, Mrs. Burgett to Perry Monday where she will remain for a few weeks. Ralph Burgett took them in his car.

George Black went to Hornell Monday to begin work for the Greenfield Construction Company. Mrs. Michael Dougherty was a



by Alex Rankin

Not all political wars are fought in primaries and smoke-filled rooms. In Albany some are fought on paper fired from cannons manned by press secretaries.

A classic example of one of these comedies took place in Albany last week. Such paper wars in Albany take place every day, mostly solitary shots fired into the wilderness in hopes some less reporter may hear them. But this was a full-fledged battle.

It opened in the morning with fanfare — a big press conference by the leaders of the Democratic minority in both houses, Assemblyman Stanley Steingut and Senator Joseph Zaritski. There were five television cameras, bright lights and 25 reporters. The Democrats announced their alternative to Governor Rockefeller's budget. That is, no cutbacks in welfare, education and medical, and raise more money by reorganizing the tax structure — eliminating capital gains taxes, new brackets on top of the income tax table and hiking cigarette taxes.

Before anyone had a chance, of course, press releases were handed out.

Reporters were just staggering back to the press room when Republicans began their counter attack, which came from the press secretary of Assembly Speaker Perry B. Duryea Jr. of Montauk, L. I.

An important observation on these paper wars comes from what followed. They either predict the worst kind of dark disaster if their opponents win, or they joyfully predict complete utopia, an end to all problems in 15 minutes if they win.

Thus the counter attack began. "Speaker Perry B. Duryea today characterized the Democratic tax and budget plan as a hodgepodge of political gimmickry which runs totally contrary to our efforts to preserve a strong economy". Seven paragraphs later came the final blow. "This is not a plan for progress through government action. This is a blue print for an economic wasteland."

This apparently stunned the Democrats. It took the public relations staff under Steingut four hours to reply. Then a new stack of press releases, hot off the mimeograph cannons, were rushed into

the press room. "There is absolutely no validity to assertions from Republican spokesmen that the tax program we announced this morning will make our state an economic wasteland."

Second objections from those interested in the tax program of paper wars are not much different. "The Republican spokesmen's plan is an important tactical move."

"Let us face the reality of the situation," said the press release, "there is no doubt a bit of misunderstanding."

The press release into the press room was one of the press releases from Assemblyman Willis H. Stephans of Broome, chairman of the ways and means committee. It appeared to be an attempt by Duryea to give in Steingut's pockets and turn his back.

The majority's fiscal plan which was outlined today is a prime example of the short-sighted, hodgepodge approach to a problem which calls for intelligent treatment," began the barrage from Steingut's press corps.

It was a short statement, ending this way two paragraphs later, apparently in an attempt to match ironies with Steingut's men: "This is an enlightened state," it said.

The last shower of paper to settle over the press room came from the mimeograph machines of Earl W. Bridges of Niagara Falls, Senate Republican majority leader.

"The slap-dash Democratic budget plan," began his press release, "if indeed it is a plan at all, compounds the very problems which have brought New York State to its present fiscal crisis."

Having made this evaluation, the Bridges press release — as hot and heavy calvary charges often do — overbore the mark somewhat. "The specifics of this proposed duty instant evaluation" — and the beginning of the concluding sentence.

Throughout the war, the general sat on a hill watching everything in silence.

Governor Rockefeller's three press secretaries were not heard from all day.

guest at the home of her brother, Dr. George Lynch of Hornell, Friday.

Mrs. Ruby Crandall of Elmira is spending the week at the home of Mrs. Clara Caswell.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Slocum and son and Mr. and Mrs. Myron Cronk and son of Trumansburg, were week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Slocum of Davis Hill.

Gas is selling for 12c at the Pump Station in Andover.

30 YEARS AGO

March 24, 1930

J. H. Backus & Son, Publishers. There were 498 votes cast at the Annual Village election Tuesday. H. S. Livermore, Mayor, succeeded himself; Hazel Atwood, Trustee to succeed herself and Charles C. Lynch, Trustee in place of P. K. Tuttle.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Smith have purchased of Charles Robinson the former Teasdale property and will move there in the near future. Their home on Elm St. has been purchased by the centralized school.

The Conservation Commission ruled this week that there would be no open season on deer in the Southern Tier Counties this fall.

A large crowd gathered Thursday noon to see the "Old Time" railroad train go thru Andover on the way to the World's Fair in New York City.

Mrs. William Orvis, 93, died Thursday, March 20 at the home of her granddaughter, Mrs. and Mrs. John Deane. A son, daughter and six grandchildren survive.

Interment was in Hillside Cemetery.

About 40 neighbors and friends invaded the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Goodridge Friday evening to make a farewell visit as they are moving from the town to the city early next month.

Miss Marial Brague left Saturday by bus for Daytona Beach, Fla., where her aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Williams have been passing the winter. She will return with Mr. and Mrs. Williams.

Mrs. Winifred Harris is visiting her daughter, Mrs. R. E. Eller at Pittsburgh, Pa., this week.

D. W. Haist returned Wednesday from St. Catherine, Canada, where he was called by the illness of his sister, Mrs. Jacob Fritz.

Miss Alyce Pope passed the week-end in Cortland with friends and attended the physical education demonstration.

Mrs. Lillian Sutton has returned from a ten-day visit with relatives in Alfred.

Attorney and Mrs. G. L. Eardley and Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Borden arrived home Tuesday from a two weeks motor trip to Florida.

Miss Anna Yannie of Angelica passed the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. Yannie.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Green and Mr. and Mrs. Willmar Atwell and family were guests Sunday of their daughter and sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Edna Brooks of Almond. Mrs. Atwell remained for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Leon Southwick returned for Cuba where they will be guests at the home of her mother, Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Guild.

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