

SUMMER SPELLS FUN — ALSO DANGER

An Editorial

Summer spells fun for water sports enthusiasts, but it also spells d-a-n-g-e-r, according to Dr. Hollis S. Ingraham, State Health Commissioner.

Between 300 and 400 drownings are reported yearly in New York State, making drowning the fourth cause of accidental death in the State.

The tragedy is that most of these deaths could have been prevented. Following are some safety tips:

— Teach children to float and to swim. If a toddler can walk, he is usually old enough to learn how to float. Children seem to have a natural affinity for water, and they are never too young to begin learning good water safety practices. Community facilities such as the YMCA and Red Cross offer excellent training.

— Adults need to know water safety as much as children. Your good example will help your children.

— Never swim alone or when overheated or exhausted.

— Know your limitations, use common sense, and observe water safety rules.

— Never dive in unknown waters.

— Never drink or eat excessively before swimming.

— Prohibit pranks and "roughhousing" in and around pools.

— Never leave sharp instruments, drinking glasses or breakable items at the edge of pools. They may be brushed into the water unnoticed and cause damage to feet and legs.

A SAFE PLACE IN A THUNDERSTORM

An Editorial

Where should you take refuge from lightning during a summer thunderstorm? One of the best spots to seek shelter is in your closed, steel-topped automobile.

Because of its metal shell, when lightning strikes an auto, it spreads all over the metal, traveling through the springs, axles and bearings to the wheels and then jumps past the rubber tires to the ground. You would get a burn when inside the car, only if you are in direct contact with metal.

A thunderstorm is a signal to take care, particularly if you are working the fields, golfing, swimming or in some other open area. Every year nearly 1,000 persons are hurt or killed by lightning, in addition to an annual property loss of more than \$100 million.

Lightning seeks out the most prominent object in the immediate vicinity, because it looks for the easiest path between the earth and sky. You can seek shelter under one of the smaller trees in the middle of a grove or in dense woods. Avoid isolated trees and the tallest trees in the vicinity.

If your in the open, you also can seek protection in a low spot such as a ravine or ditch. Stay away from wire fences, power or telephone poles and above all — water.

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50 YEARS AGO

July 18, 1919

J. H. Backus, Publisher

Miss Genevieve F. Loughhead of Knoxville, Pa., and Clark C. Backus of Andover, were united in marriage Tuesday, July 16th, by his uncle, Rev. Alfred H. Backus.

L. Byron Bassett, 68, died in Whitesville, July 15th. A son and four brothers survive.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis VanWit of Corning, visited at the M. D. Backus home from Friday until Sunday.

Misses Edna and Esther Green of West Union have been guests of Miss Edna Bassett of Independence the past week.

Misses Dorothy, Isabelle and Grace LaForge of New York City are visiting at the home of O. A. Potter of Independence.

Mr. and Mrs. Brown of Leonardsville, are visiting their daughter, Mrs. L. C. Livermore of Independence.

Earle Forsythe, who is just home from overseas, is spending a few days with O. A. Potter and family of Independence.

Mrs. Adelbert Hann of Elm Valley, is staying at the home of her son, Victor in Hornell.

Mrs. E. K. Dewitt and daughter of New Brunswick, N. J., are guests of Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Lee of Tip Top.

Miss Esther Baker of Tip Top is attending summer school at Genesee Normal.

Mrs. Ella Koop Gill, 30, died at her home on Center Street July 11. Her husband, her mother and five sisters survive.

Mrs. J. M. Parker of Leeds, S. D., is visiting her son, R. A. Parker and family.

Mrs. W. H. H. Keller of Alfred Station, was a week-end guest of her sister Mrs. D. C. Hardy.

Mrs. Leon Cook of Raleigh, N. C. is visiting at the home of her mother, Mr. and Mrs. R. Howard.

Mrs. Mary J. Willard of Belmont, is visiting at the home of her brother, N. M. Lanphear of Railroad Valley.

Miss Mary White arrived in Andover Friday from Washington, D. C. and will pass the summer in Andover and vicinity.

Mrs. Flora Bess arrived in Andover Tuesday from Washington, D. C., where she has been the guest for several weeks at the home of her daughter, Major and Mrs. Elmer Kemp.

Mrs. Flora Durand started this morning for her home in Chicago, after a month's visit with Andover relatives.

40 YEARS AGO

July 18, 1929

J. H. Backus & Son, Publishers Fred Mulholland purchased the Brown Furniture Store of C. E. Brown Tuesday and will take possession August 1st.

District Deputy Grand Master Norman A. Rogers and Staff of Whitesville, were in Andover Tuesday evening and installed the Andover I.O.O.F. Officers for the coming year. Frank Davis was installed Noble Grand.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Slocum and Mrs. Leona Slocum visited Mr. and Mrs. Ed Hoagland and family of Canadice Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Leon Clair of Dyke Street are parents of a son, born this week.

Idanette Brewster of West Greenwood, spent a few days with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Miller at Hornell.

Mrs. Frank Ingram is visiting her son, Floyd Scott and family at Cuba.

Mr. and Mrs. John Joyce and Mrs. Mary Joyce, returned to Rochester for the week-end.

Miss Grace VanDerhoef of Greenwood passed the week-end guest of her grandmother, Mrs. Mary Bunker.

Mrs. James P. Fontaine and daughters and Miss Mildred Maine of Buffalo, were week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. M. P. Flynn and family.

Mr. and Mrs. John C. Lever and children left Sunday for two weeks



by Bob Rankin

Are state legislators worth their \$18,000 salaries?

When one considers some of their antics in and out of Albany the strong temptation is to say no, they aren't.

The temptation ought to be resisted. At least it ought to be put under a lock and key.

Because the fact is that many, if not most, of the states senators and assemblymen do not have a conscience and make intelligent decisions.

Which downward, in such analysis, is a lack of individual talent, but here a matter of party politics. And there is some evidence to suggest that the iron domination of party politics in decisions in Albany is slipping away and that the fate of legislation is coming to depend more and more on coalitions of Republicans and Democrats along ideological lines.

A cold shower will produce this conclusion:

A fact like the one surrounding Assemblyman Charles Stockmeister of Rochester will always get big headlines, but the positive work done every day by other lawmakers gets none at all.

In terms of the positive work done this is probably good because anything else would be viewed as self-serving — legislators being elected officials.

The fact is that legislators do study bills, and in depth. They do spend a great deal of time at hearings and committee meetings, listening to the public.

Again the temptation is to think about the way they didn't think about medical aid and jump to the conclusion that all bills are treated in this manner.

The issue is going to come up next year. There is already pressure to raise the salaries of legislators. There is also pressure for them to get additional funds to open legislative offices in their

camping vacation at Chautauqua Lake.

Misses Anna and Jessie Storms of Aiken, N. Y., passed last week with Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Baldwin.

Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Green returned the last of the week from a visit at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bert Payne of Perry, N. Y.

Mrs. Harold Horton and children, Marion and Jack of Buffalo, are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. David Slocum.

Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Potter were week-end guests at the home of Oscar Potter and family.

Mrs. Ada Richardson of New York City visited at the home of her son, Clayton Greene and family and other Andover relatives.

Mrs. E. O'Leary, son Paul and daughter, Mary Ellen, who have been enjoying two weeks vacation with Andover relatives, left Sunday for their home at Sugar Grove, Ohio.

Miss Frances Brundage returned Sunday to Buffalo, where she is in the nurses' training school, after three weeks vacation at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy Brundage.

30 YEARS AGO

July 21, 1939

J. H. Backus & Son, Publishers Miss Beatrice Dickinson and Dr. J. Robert Goram were united in marriage Thursday, July 20th.

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Jones observed their 50th wedding anniversary on Saturday, July 29th at their home on Barney Street.

Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Reisman left Monday for San Francisco to attend the Golden Gate Exposition.

Mrs. Orville Green and Mrs. Jennie Hitchcock of Davis Hill, were guests of Mrs. Green's sister, Miss Emma Kemp at Millport, Pa., last week.

Miss Wanda Mattison of Whitesville and Robert Coats of Andover are spending two weeks with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Clarke of Independence.

Mr. Blackburn of Union Springs is passing some time with his daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Tassell of Independence.

Mrs. Angelina Brundage of Alfred is visiting her brother, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Barney of Independence.

Mrs. Jessie Lewis, daughter, Doris and Marion of Beville, spent part of last week with Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Lewis and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Whiting of Detroit, Mich., were guests at the home of his brother, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Whiting of Elm Valley last week.

home districts. Both professions ought not to be dignified out of hand.

There is much merit to allowing legislators to operate home offices to better serve the people in their area. It might even act as a positive force for better representation.

As to the matter of salaries, there are many legislators who would be getting double their state salary for doing what they are now doing in private industry — and particularly considering the hours many of them put in.

Legislators, for example, cannot disconnect their telephones at 5 p. m. and then hook them up at 8:30 a. m. the next morning.

Most constitutions don't start calling their legislators until they get home from work.

Critics argue that most legislators have private jobs — mostly law practices. But there is evidence to suggest that if legislators were paid more they might spend less time on their private practices and more on state business.

Some of them might not, of course. But more would than we don't.

There is even the argument that higher salaries might attract a higher caliber of legislator. But that will never be proved. Some of the best public service in this state is done by people who get nothing for it — just as some of the best public service is never done because no one gets paid for it.

Assembly Speaker Perry B. Duran Jr., has done a lot to move the legislature toward better service. He is also following a trend as well as setting one by putting standing committees of the Assembly on a year-round basis and with Senate Majority Leader Earl W. Bridges, cutting back on joint legislative committees.