

WHERE DID THE SUMMER GO? An Editorial

We have reached the "I don't know where the summer went" season. Fall lies just around the corner. The unofficial demarcation that most of us live by is Labor Day and the opening of school.

Whether we realize it or not, we seem to have reached a paradox of sorts. How else can the endless stream of costly playthings — campers, boats, motors, scooters and pullman-size vehicles — that will take to the road this coming Labor Day be explained?

Perhaps in the classroom greater attention should be given to matters of the spirit, respect for persons and property and obedience to the laws of the land.

Then too, with a long week-end coming up over Labor Day, motorists will be slaughtering each other on the nation's highways — with an excess of traffic on our roads, so special attention should be given to vehicles and — by drivers.

The State Traffic Council warns that in New York and the nation, there will be over 600 fatalities and at least 20,000 disabling injuries due to traffic accidents.

Surely this chilling prediction deserves more than just cursory attention, so here is a list of measures to take for road safety:

"FIRST, before you start on a trip make sure your car is safe — that its brakes, lights, signal devices, windshield wipers, exhaust system, and steering mechanism are working properly.

"SECOND, keep the space in front of the rear window clear so that the driver has full vision from the rear and sides as well as forward.

"THIRD, carry along a good first aid kit and some flares, flashing signals, or other warning devices.

"FOURTH, use your safety belts at all times.

"FIFTH, take a break from the road every two hours or so, in order to keep alert.

"SIXTH, make allowances for the unpredictable acts of other drivers. Drive defensively.

"SEVENTH, check tires for cuts and other damage after traveling over bumpy, rocky roads before returning to turnpike speeds.

"EIGHTH, be careful when you use power windows, children can be hurt by them.

"NINTH, don't drink before driving; don't drive after drinking.

"LAST BUT NOT LEAST, observe speed limits as posted and heed signs and highway markings. When the weather is bad, adjust to a slower and safer speed. Stay on your (right) side of a double line on the highway.

And Have a HAPPY HOLIDAY WEEK-END!



50 YEARS AGO

August 25, 1919

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Miss Marion Rogers is passing the week with Mr. and Mrs. O. G. Whitcomb of Belmont.

Mrs. J. P. Cook of New Milford, Ohio is visiting her aunt, Miss V. N. Adams this week.

Mrs. D. P. Corwin is visiting relatives in Olean, Warren, Pa., and Jamestown this week.

Miss Katherine Folsing is the guest of Mrs. Raymond Edgerton of Wellsville this week.

J. Archie and Paul Diffin of Rochester are visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Diffin for a few days.

Mrs. F. D. Clarke and daughter, Helen and Grace of Rochester are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Clarke.

Mrs. John D. Groves and children of Grand Gorge, N. Y., are spending a few days with her sister, Miss Emily Barney of West Union.

Mrs. Clarence Trowbridge and children have returned to their home at Youngstown, Ohio after a visit at the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Trowbridge.

Mrs. Clark Fulkerson went to Akron, Ohio the first of the week Mr. Fulkerson has been employed there for some time.

40 YEARS AGO

August 16, 1929

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The Baker reunion was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Edwards Sunday with seventy-five in attendance.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Nobles and daughter and Mrs. Jennie Hammond passed the week-end with friends and relatives at Castle and Silver Springs.

Mrs. James Simpson of Hornell is passing the week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Kaple.

Mrs. Mae Sherwood of Knights Creek is spending the week with Mrs. Louis Hitchcock of Pingrey Hill.

Dr. and Mrs. John Common and son, Robert, left Monday for a vacation and auto trip to points on Lake Erie.

Prof. and Mrs. Leon Cook and family of Raleigh, N. C., are guests at the home of John Deming.

David Yenzzer of Roulette, Pa., is visiting at the home of his sister Mrs. Wellman Baker of Railroad Valley.

Mrs. Elizabeth Gallagher is in New York City guest of relatives this week.

30 YEARS AGO

August 18, 1939

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Misses Mary, Lois and Ruth Greene of Wellsville, were guests of their uncle, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Greene of Independence from Thursday until Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lytle Church and little daughter of Elkland, Pa., were guests at the Raymond Church home on Voorhees Hill from Wednesday until Saturday.

Miss Pauline Perkins left Wednesday for North East, Pa., where she will visit Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Hallett and later motor to Buffalo to bring her sister, Miss Koneta Perkins home from summer school.

The Misses Betty, Jean and Ruth Halsey of Andover, were guests of their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Halsey of Davis Hill last week.

Miss Elizabeth Folsing of Manhasset arrived Tuesday for a visit with her father and sisters at the Folsing home.

Miss Ethel Havnes left Sunday for New York City, where she is attending the World's Fair and will also visit Miss Dorothea Snyder.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold D. Hardy and family left Monday by motor for Tecumseh, Mich., where they are passing the week with his father, Dr. and Mrs. P. B. Hardy.

Mrs. Guy S. Wood is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Smith at Altoona, Pa., this week.

Rev. and Mrs. John McIntosh



by Alex Rankin

Clarence H. Sackey is doing what a lot of other upstate people in his position are doing these days, worrying.

Sackey is social services commissioner in the Town of Union in Broome County.

His worry is that with the new "flat grant" welfare payment system, those who run into trouble in emergencies aren't going to be able to find the help they need.

Many other welfare commissioners are also worried, but so far Sackey is about the only one to say so publicly.

That is because of a little-known aspect of the welfare program. In a fairly good number of instances upstate, private organizations pitch in to help those on relief, with things like clothing, furniture and counseling services.

The new welfare grant system, however, eliminates all "special" grant categories. One of those special areas was emergencies for clothing, household utensils and other things.

Several upstate welfare commissioners have gone to these private agencies and quietly asked them to step up their help.

In Sackey's case the matter came to light because he put it in writing to the Broome County United Fund.

Fund President Roger L. Kresge turned him down.

It would, replied Kresge, "serve only to perpetuate the inequities". Sackey asked the Fund for from \$3,000 to \$5,000.

He said he had three alternatives in the face of the new flat grant system:

1. Ask private agencies to help where the law doesn't.

2. Ask the town board for the money — money that would not be reimbursed by the state and federal governments under normal welfare laws.

3. Permit "hardship and suffering which children in the family may sustain as a result of these changes" in the welfare law.

The two other welfare commissioners in Broome County, by the way, don't agree with Sackey.

Miss Rosemary Wilson, commissioner for the city of Binghamton, said the kind of thing Sackey was asking for "really isn't the function of a private agency."

Broome County welfare commissioner Carroll A. Smythe expressed great faith in the state Legislature and Governor Rockefeller.

The new flat grant system, he said, "has been studied enough at top levels that, in most cases, I would say, the flat grant should cover these things I would have to agree with the governor and the state legislators that these people will have to take care of these things themselves now."

Onondaga County's commissioner, John L. Lascaris, thinks otherwise.

He wants to know how senior citizens on welfare are going to get along in two areas. In the past they had special grants for any special diets they were on. Now that is gone.

And perhaps just as important to an older person, his telephone — in some cases his only touch with others and particularly in case of an emergency — will now have to be paid for out of the flat grant. No more special grants for telephones.

For these people a telephone is a necessity, argues Lascaris, and it means they will have just that much less for other things such as food and clothing.

The state joint legislative committee charged with redrawing the lines of the 41 U. S. congressional districts in the state by November ran into the summer deliriums last week.

They held a hearing in Albany and only three people showed up.

The "good government" organizations and lobbies which usually flock to such hearings at the state's capital didn't show up.

They must sense the futility — and stupidity — of the committee's job.

That job is to redraw the lines so that every district in the state has exactly, within one per cent one way or the other, the same number of residents — based on census figures that are 10 years old. Those census figures will insure that what the committee comes up with in November will be far worse than the present districts in terms of the court's one man, one vote edict.

It's just another one of the costly insanities of government.

With the hearing over in short order, the conversation among state house reporters turned to the recent speculation that Governor Rockefeller might dump Senator Charles E. Goodell next year for Lt. Governor Malcolm L. Wilson.

The most charitable comment of the moment was that someone is puffing up a big trial balloon.

Wilson, of course, would be widely acceptable to upstate Republicans. Rockefeller could mend a lot of upstate fences by throwing out Goodell and substituting Malcolm on the ticket.

The trial balloon theory makes sense because Wilson's fate will not be known until the voters of New York City select a mayor. Wilson is tied strongly to the effort of state Senator John Marchi of Staten Island in that regard. Wilson will be a powerful man if Marchi wins.

So will state Senator Earl W. Brydges of Niagara Falls, state Senate majority leader and an early backer of Marchi and longtime foe of John V. Lindsay.

Just recently Brydges dispatched his much-touted right hand man, Dick Roth, to New York City to work for Marchi. If Marchi suddenly develops a little style it will be Roth's doing. Roth is one of the best public relations men in Albany.

A Marchi victory or strong showing would go a long way toward smacking the notion that only a liberal can win a statewide race, because only a liberal can carry New York City.

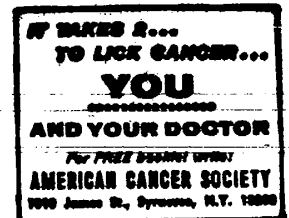
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