

PARENTS — How About Winter Safety?

An Editorial

Parents — have you given any thought to the dangers of winter sports for both the small fry as well as your older children?

Do you allow small children to play outdoors without being supervised? Do you allow the older children to go skating, skiing or sliding down hill alone? Do you let them take the family Snowmobile and ride through your neighbors backyards?

With the type of weather we have been having the last week or so, do you realize what could happen?

In an area Newspaper this week we read the headline in a news item: "7 year old child falls thru ice and drowns". The child was playing on the ice in a nearby creek or pond! Do we have that danger present here in Andover!

Another danger that we have noticed the last few days: There are some piles of snow along the streets where driveways have been plowed or shoveled out. In several of these mounds of snow we have seen holes burrowed out as if children have been making snow houses out of them. But, with the streets as slippery as they are — what would happen to a small child in one of these snow-houses if a car skidded and slid into it? Even if the snow house was out in a backyard — what would happen if an older child jumped on it? More than likely the roof would cave in and the occupant could easily be smothered!

Now how about the older children? Surely they can take care of themselves! But can they if they are alone?

We can think back and remember what happened to a High School Senior in Wayland that was a friend of ours! "Don" loved to ski and if he couldn't find someone to go with him — would go out alone.

One day after school, under present weather conditions, he went skiing — and didn't come home for supper! His mother, a widow who had to work and support the family, became worried and enlisted the help of the neighbors to form a searching party.

Luckily they found Donald before it was too late for in another few minutes he would have died to death or else frozen to death. Yes, they found him unconscious — lying where he had fallen when one of his skis had gone through the crust on the snow — with a deep gash from his ankle to his hip — bleeding badly — and also suffering from a broken hip!

Could this tragedy have been avoided? Yes, if someone had prevented him from going skiing when there was a deep crust on the snow.

What was the result of this unfortunate accident? "Don" was laid up for 3 or 4 months in a hospital and at home — and by missing this much school was unable to graduate and had to return the next year. But that was his cross to bear — what about his poor mother? In order to pay for his hospital expenses, expensive operations, and medical care — she ended up having to sell their home and find different living quarters for the family. Was a few minutes of sport worth all of this heartache for the entire family?

We have often heard the trite expression that "experience is the best teacher" — but we feel that in most cases it is the most expensive! And in many cases the most tragic!

Parents, how much better it would be, to refuse to allow your children to do things that you feel are unsafe — than to have to regret giving them permission to do something that both you, and they, will have to suffer for, the rest of your lives?



50 YEARS AGO

January 21, 1921

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Mr. and Mrs. Richard McAndrew were surprised at their home on Chestnut Street Saturday, January 15th by the arrival of relatives and friends who came to celebrate their fiftieth Wedding Anniversary.

The Five Hundred Club and a company of invited friends gave a surprise visit Wednesday evening to Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Frisbey in honor of their thirty-third Wedding Anniversary.

Max Richardson has purchased of Herman Worrell the electric wiring and supply business he has been conducting the past year.

Lafayette Byham died at the home of his brother-in-law, Newton Baker Tuesday, January 18th. Burial was in the Baker Cemetery.

Miss Mary Driscoll of Hornell, is spending a few days at her home in Andover.

Mrs. Margaret Harrington was the guest of relatives in Hornell over the week-end.

Francis Casey of Bradford, Pa. spent Sunday with his mother, Mrs. John Casey.

Mrs. M. N. Longnecker and sons of Almond, passed the week-end with Andover relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Snyder of Hornell were visiting Andover relatives and friends Monday.

Miss Esther Vickland of Wells-ville is visiting Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Gustafson for a few days.

Mrs. William Forhan of Wells-ville was calling at the home of her sister, Mrs. Ed Horan, Wednesday.

Mrs. William Wahl of Elm Valley is passing the week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. U. W. Stratton.

Mrs. Lura Slocum was the guest of her aunt, Mrs. L. L. Spencer of Alfred Station over the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Slocum spent several days at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. David Slocum.

Miss Ruth M. Stephens of Wells-ville and Arlo M. Poits of Wayland were united in marriage January 15th.

Mrs. Anna Moquin of Woodhull were visiting at the home of her sister, Mrs. Robert Brundage the first of the week.

Mrs. A. Smith of Hornell has been the guest of her parents, Dr. and Mrs. E. J. Loughlen several days this week.

Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Thorne were in Canisteo over the week-end, called there by the illness of Mrs. Thorne's father, Henry Bennett.

C. E. Baker District Manager K. O.T.M., was in Canisteo Monday evening and assisted in the installing of the officers of Canisteo Tent No. 95, and reported a fine time.

Mrs. Frank Burrows and son John of New York City came Tuesday for a visit with her parents Mr. and Mrs. John Donigan of Friendship.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Gustafson have returned home from a week's visit with friends and relatives in Jamestown, Wellsville, Warren, Pa. and Tidoute, Pa.

40 YEARS AGO

January 16, 1931

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Those who will preside over the various organizations in Andover for the coming year are: George Carr, Master of Andover Lodge No. 558 F. & A. M.; Polly Brown, Worthy Matron, OES; Howard Green, Master Andover Grange 1098; Fannie Backus, President W.R.C.; Glenn Ruger, Noble Grand, I.O.O.F.; Bertha Hardy, Noble Grand, Rebekah Lodge No. 303; Lella Livermore, President of the W.C.T.U.

A reception was held at the Presbyterian Church Friday evening in honor of Rev. Bisbee, new pastor of the Presbyterian Church.

A company of neighbors and friends gave Mrs. Sarah Gulinn a birthday surprise Wednesday evening, January 14th.

Miss Catherine Ann Kieb and Harry F. Joyce, both of Buffalo, were united in marriage Monday, January 12th.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Hann are



One of the old political faces in New York State politics will be gone next month.

William F. Luddy, chairman of the Westchester County Democratic Committee for more than 14 years, has announced his resignation.

Luddy is best known for his vigorous defense of one of the principles of politics, party loyalty. "Politics is one of the most honorable professions in the world," he said, "and party loyalty is a noble public virtue."

Luddy gave the pressures of business and family the reason for his resignation, but it is known that one of the reasons was his growing frustration over the splits in his own organization.

Senate Republican Majority Leader Earl W. Brydges of Niagara Falls has backed off on his proposal for gambling casinos across the state.

Instead of a bill he is going to propose it for "study" this year. Meaning it is dead. For the record, Brydges said he was backing off because of the flood of opposition in weekly and daily newspaper editorials and from the Protestant State Council of Churches.

State Comptroller Arthur Levitt reports that for the first time in the history of the state, local governments spent a total of more than \$4 billion for elementary and secondary school education. In the 57 upstate counties, he said the figure represents about 50 per cent of all school spending.

parents of a son, Richard Judson, born Wednesday, January 7.

The Frink Williams farm in Railroad Valley has been sold to Miland of Hornell, who will move his family there soon.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarke W. Slade of New Smyrna, Fla., are parents of a son, Carke Winship Jr., born Tuesday, January 13th.

Charles Fisher has purchased the little house formerly owned by Floyd Matison on Main Street from the Atlantic Refining Co., and will move the building to a lot on Second Street which he purchased of George Barrett.

Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Appler have purchased the Mrs. Mary Hartum residence on Second Street and the family are planning to move there from Chestnut Street in the near future.

Mr. and Mrs. John Williams and son of Buffalo spent the week-end with his father, H. H. Williams and family.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Brown left Wednesday for Florida, where they expect to remain for the winter.

Mrs. Ella Traster returned Tuesday from a two-weeks visit with her sister, Mrs. S. S. Cross of Canisteo.

Mrs. Henry Bennett, returned Sunday from Rochester where she has been spending the week with relatives.

Byron Proger and Frank Davis spent from Sunday until Tuesday evening on a fishing trip at Montoye Lake.

Miss Dorothea Snyder is visiting her aunt, Mrs. George Stephens at Leona, N. Y.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Hann spent last week Thursday in Friendship guests of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Cochrane.

Mrs. A. A. Porter returned Friday from Niagara Falls where she had been spending a few days with her cousin, William Water. Mrs. Giles Grantier of Hornell, accompanied Mrs. Porter.

30 YEARS AGO

January 16, 1941

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Maria Hammond was installed Worthy Matron of Anna W. McArthur Chapter No. 242, OES Monday evening by Past District Deputy Grand Lecturer George Beebe, assisted by Past Master B. B. Hann and Past Matron Queen Cory.

James Doran, 68, died Monday, January 13th. A brother, John Doran of Elm Valley survives. In-

campus unrest is still a political issue to the Republican Assembly. Majority Leader John Kingdon of Westbury has filed a bill that would take state financial aid away from private colleges and universities that fail to act against campus unrest.

The State University at Buffalo has just kicked football there for a week. Governor Rockefeller is willing to help with state money to build a stadium there for a professional team, the Buffalo Bills.

And for the first time, the State University at Buffalo has a football team. What's going on here?

State legislators are getting questions from violent militants — but it is costing the state taxpayer \$170,000.

This week one of the Senate galleries was covered with a strip of bullet-proof glass installed by D. A. Contractors of Mechanicsville — and the spectators.

The wall is made of something called non-abrasive polycarbonate and the work is being done by D. A. Contractors of Mechanicsville.

The contract — \$30,000 for the Assembly and \$30,000 for the Senate — calls for completion by February 26.

With a wink, Senate Democratic Minority Leader Joseph Zaretzki wanted to know if the wall will prevent anyone from hearing his speeches. "Acoustics will be adequate," replied Brydges.

parents of a son, Maurice Goodridge, born Monday, January 13.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilmer Atwell are parents of a daughter born Tuesday, January 14.

Arthur E. Starr, 68, died at the home of his son, Reginald Starr at Risingville, Sunday, January 12. Two sons and a daughter survive. Interment was in Hillside Cemetery.

Edward Walsh began a two weeks vacation Thursday. Gerald Hyland, as regular substitute, is taking his place.

E. F. Stearns kept open house Wednesday, January 14th in honor of his 81st birthday.

Mrs. Edgar Cornell of Jasper returned to her home Sunday after passing the week at the Fisher home.

Kirk Ruger was in Bath over the week-end with his brother, Louis Ruger.

Chandler Bassett is spending several days in Albany on business and guest of friends.

Fred Stephens and Richard Dickinson left for Cleveland, Ohio, Tuesday on a business trip.

Mrs. Mary Goodridge of Uniontown, Pa., arrived at the home of her mother, Mrs. C. L. Farley Monday and is spending the week with relatives and friends in the vicinity.

Mr. and Mrs. John Oakes were called to Risingville the first of the week by the death of her father, A. E. Starr.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Tracy of Wellsboro, Pa., passed the week-end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Tracy.

Deputy Sheriff Harry Kemp passed three days last week in Pittsburgh, Pa., on official county business.

Mrs. W. J. Carpenter of Raymond, Pa., was a guest of her sister and family, Mrs. Robert Church Thursday and Friday.

Mrs. Hetch Beach attended the Grange Sectional Lecturer's meeting held in Buffalo Tuesday and Wednesday.

Mrs. Jess Hill of Newark, N. J., is spending some time at the home of her sister, Mrs. O. W. Robison.

Mrs. Lillian Sutton is spending a few days with her niece, Miss Clara Comstock of Hornell.

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