

DANGER AFLOAT !!!

An Editorial

Boating is one of America's fastest growing summer sports, and, as a result, boating accidents are on the rise.

Prof. Edward W. Foss, safety specialist of the New York State College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, Cornell University reports that 387 boats were involved in 273 accidents in New York State during 1970 resulting in 76 fatalities and 88 injuries. These figures represent an increase of 25 fatalities over 1969.

The number of boats in the state was 428,000 up about 4,000 from 1969.

On the basis of a report from the U. S. Coast Guard, Prof. Foss said collisions were the leading cause of accidents. Other causes were fire or explosion, overturning, and collision with fixed objects.

A total of 4,726 accidents were reported throughout the country during 1970, and one-half to two-thirds of these mishaps occurred in calm waters, during clear weather, with light or no wind, and with good visibility.

These accidents took place while the boats were under these conditions: cruising (2,286 cases), docked (378), water-skiing (351), fishing (338), drifting (328), and maneuvering (328).

Modern small craft are often equipped with many safety devices, but no safety device can replace courtesy and common sense in boating.

The U. S. Coast Guard suggests the following tips to prevent accidents:

— remember that your life and the lives of your passengers depend on your handling the boat with care and good judgment;

— pay heed to approaching bad weather and small craft warnings;

— don't overload your boat;

— If your boat overturns, stay with it until help arrives — your chances are much better than if you try to swim to shore;

— provide life preservers for each occupant of the boat and make sure that children and non-swimmers wear them;

— give docks and swimming areas a wide berth and slow down when approaching congested areas, bathing beaches, and the shore;

— remember that alcohol and gasoline don't mix in boating;

— allow 100 feet clearance of the red and white skin divers' flag, otherwise you could run over a surfacing diver;

— keep your boat well maintained;

— if you are a novice, get someone with experience to give you lessons in safe boat handling;

— learn to give mouth-to-mouth resuscitation, a skill all boaters should have;

— and last — but not least — watch out for that nut at the helm — of the other boat !!!



50 YEARS AGO

July 8, 1921

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District Deputy John J. Thurston and staff, all of Friendship, were in Andover Tuesday evening to install the Officers of Andover Lodge No. 786 I.O.O.F. Lynn Lowbridge was installed as Noble Grand.

Mrs. Floyd Davis was surprised Friday night when twenty-five associates from the Silk Mill, gave her a birthday party and tureen supper at her home.

George W. Kemp, 56, of Buffalo formerly of Andover, died Thursday. His widow, two brothers and three sisters survive. Interment was in Hillside Cemetery, Andover.

About twenty-five World War Veterans met at the Auditorium Friday evening for the purpose of organizing the Thomas M. Lynch Post American Legion of Andover. Porter W. Richardson was elected Commander; W. S. Calhoun, 1st Vice-Commander; Mortimer Driscoll, 2nd Vice-Commander; R. E. Temple, Adjutant; R. O. Snyder, Finance Officer; Harold Emery, Sgt-at-Arms; R. O. Burgett, Chaplain.

Andover thermometers registered in the shade, 102 degrees Sunday, 103 degrees Monday and 100 degrees Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Terribury of Elm Valley are the parents of a son born last week at the Bradford Hospital.

Mrs. Ellen McCarn of South Hill is spending a few days in Andover guest of her sister, Mrs. Milla Pingrey.

B. J. Baker of Syracuse spent from Saturday until Monday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. S. Baker of Tip Top.

Mrs. Ella Stearns of Port Allegany, Pa., visited at the home of E. F. Stearns the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Straight of Olean are guests this week of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Straight.

R. L. O'Donnell of Syracuse is in Andover for a visit at the home of his brother, Dr. C. W. O'Donnell and family.

Emily J. Clarke left Tuesday for Rochester, where she will spend her vacation with her brother, F. D. Clarke.

Mrs. L. L. Spencer of Alfred Station, passed the week-end at the home of her brother, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Slocum.

Walter Lanphear started Wednesday for Salem, West Virginia, where he will visit his daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Carpenter.

Paul DeRemer returned to his work in Akron, Ohio, Monday after spending a two weeks vacation at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John DeRemer.

Miss Mary Joyce of Hornell spent a few days last week with relatives and friends in Andover.

Mrs. F. S. Casey of Vourhess Hill spent Saturday and Sunday with her mother, Mrs. John Casey.

Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Bloss returned Wednesday from a two weeks visit with their son, Mr. and Mrs. Fay Bloss and family of South Bend, Ind.

40 YEARS AGO

July 10, 1931

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Erwin Briggs, 79, died Saturday, July 4th. A brother, Wallace Briggs survives. Interment was in Independence Cemetery.

Elizabeth Kathryn Wahl, 80, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. George Guinn, Friday, July 3rd. Three sons and three daughters survive. Interment was in Hillside Cemetery.

Mr. and Mrs. Michael Lynch are parents of twin sons, born Saturday June 27th at the St. James Mercy Hospital.

Louis and Edward Dean of South Hill, spent the Fourth of July at Watkins Glen, motoring from there to Ithaca to spend Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Dean and three sons of Philadelphia, Pa., spent



by Alex Rankin

A number of state legislative officials are privately miffed that State Comptroller Arthur Levitt is coming out of the session's squabble over pension plans smelling like a rose.

The legislature has set up a special committee to examine pension plans for public employees and passed a bill which prohibits local governments from agreeing to fat pension plans unless the money to pay for them is in the current budget.

Levitt has been saying, "I told you so" on the pension squabble.

The legislative officials point out, however, that Levitt is in charge of state pension funds, and has been sending over bills to the legislature for years that enrich pension plans.

On another issue Rockefeller took Levitt's word and vetoed a bill that would have allowed municipalities to delay the point at which they must issue bonds to pay off bond anticipation notes.

The issuance of tax and bond anticipation notes is a common practice at all levels of government. It is a convenient way of raising quick cash, to be paid back when the taxes actually start pouring into the coffers or the bonds actually are issued.

Levitt pointed out that the argu-

ment for going beyond the five-year limitation has been in the past that the economic climate was unfavorable in the light of very high interest rates, and that money on debt services could be saved by waiting a year until the interest rates go down.

"We do not believe, however, that the argument is still valid in light of today's economic climate in which there has been a significant decrease in the rate of interest on serial bonds during the past year," Levitt told the governor.

For his own part, Rockefeller said that while "I am sympathetic to the fiscal stringencies now faced in many municipalities and school districts, there is no firm basis for believing that significant gains can be made by further delaying permanent financing of capital improvements for which bond anticipation notes were issued five to seven years ago."

He said that while there might be a "slight saving by delaying that date, a delay might also prove costly if bond interest rates rise again, as predicted by many market experts."

And Rocky is an expert on bonds. For years he has balanced his state budgets by making up differences with bonds — as opposed to raising taxes.

from Friday until Monday with their mother and family on South Hill.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Brutsmann returned to their home at Olean Sunday after spending the week at their home on the Sanford Mead farm.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Briggs of Hornell, N. Y., attended the funeral of Irwin Briggs at Independence, Monday. Mrs. Pearl Davis returned home with them Tuesday for a visit.

Mrs. Orville Greene of Davis Hill, visited Mrs. Jennie Hitchcock of Pingrey Hill from Sunday until Tuesday.

Mrs. Frank Ryan and son of Allegany, spent from Friday until Sunday with her mother, Mrs. Mary Mulcahy.

Mrs. Florence Griswold and children of Hornell, passed last week with her mother, Mrs. P. J. Dougherty.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence King of Kenmore, spent from Friday until Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Proper.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Greene of Cleveland, Ohio, have been visiting at the home of his brother, E. V. Greene and family of Railroad Valley.

Misses Eileen and Monica McDonough of Hudson, N. Y., spent from Friday until Sunday with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. William McDonough.

Mrs. Whitcomb and daughter Dorothy of Canisteo, visited her sister, Mrs. Harry Joyce this past week.

Mr. and Mrs. William Pease, Jr. and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Pease passed the Fourth of July at Cuba Lake and Fillmore.

Miss Roberta Church is among those attending the Epworth League Assembly held at Silver Lake this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Franklyn Murphy and daughter, Ellen Marie of Hornell, spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Quigg

30 YEARS AGO

July 3, 1941

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Miss Barbara Tripp of Ozone Park and Ralph Clayton Williams of Andover, were united in marriage Saturday, June 28th.

Mr. and Mrs. Conrad Church are parents of a daughter, born Thursday, June 26th.

The Pease-Richey Reunion was held at the W. Greenwood Grange Hall, Sunday with forty-five present. At the business meeting A. R. Mead was elected President;

Fresh corn have very bright green husks. The dark brown silks at the tip look moist rather than dry.

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