

**SNOWBLOWERS: USE AS DIRECTED** *an Editorial*

Santa leave you a snowblower for Christmas? Can't wait for the next big accumulation of snow? Before you use your present for the first time, let the snowblower experts give you some tips to make your winter a safe and pleasant one:

1. Know your machine and know it well. Read the owner's manual and understand it thoroughly before operating the machine.
2. Try to minimize the chance of a clothing related accident — don't wear loose clothing that would catch in the machine's drive mechanism.
3. Never try to defeat any of the safety controls or any other safety features, of your snowblower. They are there for a reason.
4. If you must clear a clogged chute, shut down your snowblower and disconnect the spark plug wire.
5. Your snowblower's moving blades can hurl stones so be particularly careful if you must clear a gravel driveway. Set the auger at least an inch above the ground. And be sure to clear debris from the surface of the snow before you start.
6. Don't let anyone stand or play in line with your direction of travel.
7. If you're anticipating particularly severe weather, check into purchasing accessories for your snowblower which can make snow-clearing an easier task. For example, a walk-under shield, which protects the operator from cold wind and blowing snow, can be attached to some units. And for unusually icy conditions or steep driveways, tire chains can provide added traction.

These tips aren't magical, or all-inclusive; they are based on experience and common sense. When you start your snowblower, think ahead and use your own common sense, and you'll get the most from this work-saving machine.

**SNOWMOBILES AND POSTING** *An Editorial*

The last two winters have been frustrating for most snowmobilers with the lack of good snow. They are all looking for signs that this winter will not let them down.

Though the poor two winters may have slowed the mushrooming expansion of the popularity of snowmobiling, it certainly didn't do anything to reduce its popularity. Good snow conditions this winter will undoubtedly mean more snowmobilers out than ever before.

As snowmobilers go forth this winter, it will behoove them to remember that as their numbers increase, there is also an increase in the amount of irritation that their noises and fumes make to the public in general. A study conducted by Cornell University revealed that for every landowner who wouldn't let hunters on his property, there were at least two landowners who wouldn't let snowmobilers on theirs. True, most posters went up before the snowmobile became an important item of winter recreation and were instigated by a rapid increase in the number of hunters afield.

But, snowmobilers must be aware of landowner attitudes. This two-to-one attitude against snowmobiling on their land reveals the rapid degradation the sport has taken with its rapid increase in numbers. This is what occurred to hunting when many new hunters joined the hunting fraternity to get some of those "easy" antlerless deer. Because snowmobiling is a more social type of recreation than hunting, they have some advantages in overcoming a poor reputation.

Most snowmobilers recognize that as a group they must regain a good image as recreationists or additional regulations and posting will drive them back to their television sets. Common sense and common courtesy are the best antidotes for their poor image. Peer pressure — voluntary policing by other snowmobilers — may be the best way to get those out of step back in line.

Be Courteous to the Landowner!

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**News From Albany**

by Assemblyman  
James L. Emery

**EMERY WANTS ENTIRE STATE TO BENEFIT FROM STOCK TRANSFER TAX**

A proposal offered by Assemblyman James L. Emery (R-Genesee) would add approximately one hundred million dollars to the general revenues of the state and correct an imbalance between the Upstate area and New York City.

The measure, prefilled by Emery, would return a portion of the proceeds of the state stock transfer tax to the general fund. At the present time the entire proceeds from this tax go to New York City due to stipulations put into the law in the mid 1960's.

The Genesee assemblyman explained that the 1965 Legislature turned over all of the proceeds of the stock transfer tax to New York City in order to compensate for the reduction of the City's sales tax from four to three percent. To further complicate matters, the 1966 Legislature temporarily increased the tax and that increase was made permanent in 1968.

As a result of all this, New York City is receiving a "considerable windfall" according to Emery, at the expense of the rest of the state. The proceeds of the stock transfer now exceeds one-third of the sales tax retained by New York City.

"There is simply no reason for the inequitable disposition of this tax," Emery said. "Perhaps there was justification for this when it was done in the mid 1960's but the hundred million dollars which would be derived from a portion of that tax going into the general revenue fund can obviously benefit all the residents of the state."

"This tax is paid by citizens of the state regardless of where they reside and it should be shared equally by all. I hope that action will be taken on this measure early in the 1975 session."

**50 YEARS AGO**

January 2, 1925

J. H. Backus, Publisher

Andover Merchants report a good holiday trade.

A daughter, Elizabeth Janette was born December 25, 1924 to Mr. and Mrs. John Osmin of Rexville.

Miss Lillian and Margaret Holmes entertained at a 6 o'clock dinner Monday evening in honor of the Misses Katherine and Susan O'Donnell, who are home from Cuba, N. Y., for a few days.

Andover Post Office handled the greatest amount of Christmas mail ever this year and had everything cleared away out of the office on Christmas Eve.

Mr. and Mrs. Hildred Rogers are receiving congratulations upon the arrival December 23, at their home on Rochambeau Ave., of a baby daughter, Mildred Eugenia.

Andover Grange enjoyed a most enjoyable occasion at their rooms Saturday evening when their Christmas Tree and exercises were held. The exercises were furnished by Miss Monica Padden and her pupils from the Cobb School District. Secretary A. L. Rogers received a wrapped \$10 gold piece a present from the Grange.

It was a white Christmas on South Hill, but autos were traveling on most of the roads.

Howard Dean returned from Niagara Falls last Wednesday.

Lenora Dean of Cleveland, Ohio is spending the holidays with her mother, Mrs. Margaret Dean.

Weather was real snappy Sunday on South Hill. The mercury was 20 degrees below zero.

Several people from the Lane School District attended the funeral of Mrs. Lee Wallace of Canisteo Friday.

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Ask

Senator

BUCKLEY

I read that you opposed the plan to move the Rockefeller Center passport office to the federal office complex in lower Manhattan. Wouldn't it make more sense to centralize federal offices?

—C. B. Merrick

Not in this case. Many years ago the State Department established its New York City passport office in Rockefeller Center, which is centrally located and convenient to railroads, buses, taxis and subways. Seeing this, the various foreign consulates opened offices nearby, as did the major travel agencies and international airlines. Consequently, anyone who desired to travel could pick up his passport and complete all of his other travel arrangements within walking distance. Relocating the passport office would have inconvenienced the traveler and placed an enormous hardship on the many travel-related organizations who already had offices in the area. As a result of various telephone calls and letters, we were able to secure a reversal of the decision. It will now stay in Rockefeller Center.

Do you believe that the Senate should vote to allow television coverage of its sessions?

—J. O'R.—Albany

No, I don't. The Senate is now adequately covered by the Congressional Record, which reprints every word that is said on the floor of the Senate, and by the reporters for the national press. Television holds an enormous fascination for all kinds of people in public life. My greatest fear is that Senators would be encouraged to behave as actors in emotional confrontation rather than as statesmen in dispassionate debate.

Now that the General Assembly has treated both Israel and South Africa in such an arbitrary fashion, don't you think it's time for the United States to resign from the U.N.?

—M. G.—Riverdale

The recent actions of the General Assembly have certainly shown that that body as now organized cannot be an instrument for responsible action in many areas of great international interest. On the other hand, I do not think we should therefore resign. The United Nations provides some very useful services, such as policing cease-fire areas, and achieving international cooperation in such areas as maritime rights and health services. We should settle on a compromise position. I would accept a proposal that has been advanced for some years now. Under this plan, the United States would abstain from voting in the General Assembly. However, it would encourage debate on all issues. In this way, we would not be under any type of moral compulsion to give formal recognition to some of the outrageous resolutions proposed by that body.

ity was saddened Tuesday morning to hear of the death of Elrene Armstrong.

Cornelius Casey is spending the Christmas vacation with his brother at Rex City, Pa.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward P. Padden, Jr., spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Will O'Dell in Greenwood.

Miss Doris Livermore of Elmira is passing the holiday vacation at the home of her grandmother, Mrs. Georgianna Hardy.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Church and family spent Christmas Day at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Atkins of Whitesville.

Miss Elizabeth Folsing, R.N., of New York City is spending the holidays at the home of her parents Mr. and Mrs. M. Folsing. Miss Folsing is recovering from an operation for the removal of her tonsils.

The new manager of the Auditorium, John Karcnes, took over the reins January 1st and is endeavoring in every way to give Andover people the very best there is in entertainment. This week the Auditorium has procured the very latest thing in lenses and applied them to the movie picture machine whereby the pictures come out fifty percent brighter. They are the superlens lenses and are the very latest thing in the movie picture world.

J. D. Cheesman has taken the agency of Bentley, the Florist of Wellsville and is prepared to furnish promptly, flowers for all occasions at very reasonable prices.

January 9, 1925

Masonic Temple is Destroyed by Fire — The New Year did not treat Andover very nice. At 10 A.

M., the fire alarm sounded, calling our fire department to duty on Main Street, where the building known as the "Cold Storage building" and owned by the Masonic lodge was burning. The building is a complete wreck. Fire started in the Feed Store on the corner of Main and Elm Streets. The water was frozen up and in some manner while trying to thaw out the water line, the building caught fire. The Masonic Temple was on the second floor. The lower floor of the building was occupied by the offices of Snyder & Clark, Leonard Russett Shoe Shop and Garvia Brothers and Mullen Feed Store. The total loss was about \$15,000.

Mrs. Thomas Farley died January 1, 1925 at her home in North Tonawanda of a heart attack. She was 57 years of age. Her husband, Thomas, three daughters, Misses Anna, Agnes and Rose Farley of North Tonawanda; two sons, John of Chicago and William of Bridgeport, Conn., survive. Burial was in Portville. She was a former resident of Andover.

Henry Miner, an old resident of Andover, died at the Masonic Home in Utica, January 4. The body was brought to Andover for funeral and burial in Hillside Cemetery. Mr. Miner was a former insurance man and also operated a billiard and bowling parlor on Greenwood Street.

Mr. and Mrs. M. Stebbins entertained at their home on Pleasant Ave., January 2 in honor of his 77 birthday and their 50th wedding anniversary.

1925 Patriotic Officers of Andover are: E. G. Mead Master of Andover Grange; L. D. Trowbridge

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