

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. The two come so closely together that Labor Day, which this year is on September 1st, has become the traditional occasion for end-of-summer family outings.

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, motor-scooters and pullman-size vehicles — that will take to the road this coming Labor Day be explained? As far as material possessions go, no people have ever enjoyed abundance on such mass scale. Labor Day is a fitting time to recall that it has been the unique combination of American Labor and American capital that has made this abundance possible. The objective of youngsters that will be returning to school on the heels of Labor Day should be to learn how to live with the good things of life that have come from the efforts of previous generations.

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. After all, these are the foundation of the blessings we enjoy today.

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. Check to make sure all tires, including the spare, are in good condition.

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. Pack the car's interior to prevent objects from becoming dangerous projectiles in case of a sudden stop or a collision.

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 travelling over bumpy, rocky roads before returning to turnpike speeds.

EIGHTH, in the event of breakdown, get well off the roadway.

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

TENTH, week-enders should plan a relaxed time. Don't overdo things and wear yourself out. The trip home can require more care than the one outbound.

"**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. Crossing it to pass another car is both dangerous and illegal."

And Have A HAPPY HOLIDAY WEEK-END!

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"Inside The State Capital"

By James L. Emery

THE WORK CONTINUES

I have taken some time to review the legislation upon which Governor Carey has taken action in the past few weeks. The public sometimes forgets that the legislative process extends well beyond the bounds of the Assembly and Senate chambers with the ultimate fate of most bills resting in the hands of the Governor who has the power to sign or veto measures. A look at the statistics shows that there will be 215 fewer new laws in 1975 than in 1974 or, for that matter, fewer new laws than in the past three years.

To start with, there were 15,915 bills introduced this year. This compares to 14,778 introduced in 1973, the first year of that two-year bill cycle, so there were over a thousand more bills introduced this year. Since many bills carry over for two years, it is impossible to make a comparison with 1974 when there were 18,984 bills introduced, but 10,737 of these were carry-overs from 1973. Of the 15,915 bills introduced this year, only 1,059 reached the Governor for action. Of these, he signed 867 and vetoed 192.

Compared to the previous three years, this means he took action on considerably fewer bills this year than in the previous three years of the Rockefeller Administration. For instance, last year there were 1,082 bills signed into law and 260 vetoes.

Among the bills recently signed into law by the Governor is a measure directing the Commissioner of Environmental Conservation to develop and maintain a registry of agencies and organizations which would receive written notice of any public hearing scheduled by the Department on proposed rules or regulations or their application.

The Department hopes to have such a registry completed by sometime in September and I would urge any citizens organization or agency of local government interested in being included to make that request to the Department in writing as soon as possible. The address is as follows:

Commissioner Ogden Reid
Department of Environmental Conservation

50 Wolf Road
Albany New York 12233.

The Governor has also signed a bill recently which would require a snowmobile operator to comply with a lawful order of a police officer or to stop and yield when a red light is displayed by any authorized police vehicle. The bill had been requested by conservation officers who are increasingly making use of snowmobiles in their efforts to enforce conservation laws.

A further provision of this new law establishes that a police snowmobile should be considered an authorized police vehicle and that snowmobile operators are required to stop or yield the right-of-way to police or emergency snowmobiles displaying flashing red lights. The law takes effect as of September 1, 1975.



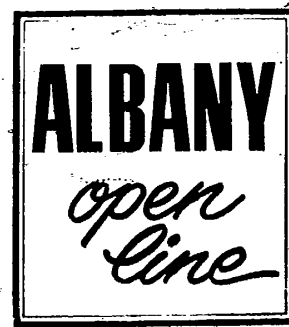
50 YEARS AGO

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The Sixth Annual Reunion of the descendants of Jacob and Sophrona Parker Bloss was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lettis F. Thompson in Canisteo, August 19.

During the past year two of these members have passed on — Mrs. Angie Bloss widow of Ormin, who died at her home in Hornell and Edmond Robert, son of Mr. Mrs. Robert Coleman, who died at the home of his parents in Wellsville, April 22. One member was added by the marriage of Elynn Bloss and Miss Helen Florence Kern of Waverly. At the business meeting, Robert L. Coleman was re-elected President;



by Alex Rankin

It wasn't too long ago the legislature announced piously they were doing away with one of their traditions, the "lulu".

The "lulu", which is short for "in lieu of" an itemized expense account. Legislators received amounts ranging from \$1,000 to \$21,000 without having to justify a single penny.

The system was replaced with a \$40 a day system that required the senators and assemblymen to explain each penny.

Until the final day of the 1975 session, when the lawmakers voted \$878,500 in "lulus" for themselves, after creating titles such as "assistant ranking minority member" of a committee on which to hang the money.

A total of 163 out of the 210 legislators were to receive the lulus, in addition to their regular salaries of \$23,500 and the \$40 a day.

One wonders what political crimes the 47 who were left out in the cold were guilty of.

And now the state's comptroller, Arthur Levitt, may wind up denying the 163 their ride on the taxpayer's gravy train.

Levitt has refused to pay out the \$878,500, and has asked the Attorney General to determine if the payments are constitutional.

The state constitution prohibits legislators from raising their own salaries in the term in which they are presently serving. Since they were elected last year they could not receive the lulu until January 1, 1977.

It hangs on the interpretation of salary. Some time ago Levitt ruled that lulu is salary, subject to withholding and counted toward the figuring of the legislators' generous pension plan.

The thinking of at least some legislators may be summed up in the remarks of Democratic Assemblyman Louis DeSalvio, who received an additional \$14,000 for sometimes sitting in on the rostrum for Assembly Speaker Stanley Steingut.

"After 35 years don't think I'm worth 14 grand?" he asked, "the locomotive has been passing me by for years."

Do you really want an answer Mr. DeSalvio?

Elnora Bassett, Vice-President; Rexa C. Thompson, Secretary; David W. Smith, Treasurer and Edna B. Smith, Program Committee. It was voted to hold the 1926 Reunion the last Wednesday in June 1926 at Island Park Wellsville.

Fire completely destroyed the home of Jesse Grossman of Independence. The cause of the fire was a defective chimney.

The Second Annual Class Banquet of the 1921 and 1922 Andover High School was held at Hotel American, August 20. A 7:30 banquet was served by Miss Kate Joyce, assisted by Miss Florence Cocoman. Following the banquet, D. E. Lynn was Toastmaster. Several members responded with toasts. It was voted to make this an annual affair. Committee for 1926 is Mrs. Gordon Borden, Miss Helen Pingrey and Miss Florence Edwards. Members and guests from out of town attending were: Everett N. Clair, of Elmira, Mr. Allen M. Harvey of Olean, Miss Sara Jane, Miss Helen Pingrey and Donad Pingrey of Alfred, Miss Elizabeth Lattimer of Arkport, Mrs. Harriet Williams of New York City and Miss Dora Wagner of Wellsville.

All former students, teachers friends and neighbors of the Voorhees Hill School will hold an old time basket picnic at the Pine Grove on Voorhees Hill on Labor Day. A program will be rendered including speakers, a base ball game between the married and single men.

Wayland Livermore, a graduate of Andover High School in June, with an average standing of 89.65 ranks second in Allegany County pupils for a scholarship to State University.

The 81st Annual Angelica Fair will be held in Angelica on September 1, 2, 3 and 4.

The 31st Annual family reunion of the descendants of Daniel Baker was held at the home of W. E. Baker at Tip Top, August 20 with over 100 being present. At the business meeting W. E. Baker was elected President; Jesse Folk, Vice-President; B. E. Baker, Secretary and D. A. Yestzer, Treasurer.

Guy Wood has been appointed agent for Ford cars and products. An announcement of which will be made in their column next week.

The heavy line of traffic thru Andover the last three days enroute to the Hornell Fair indicates that Andover and vicinity sent there usual big delegation to the Annual Event in the Maple City.

Miss Mary O'Leary is guest this week of friends in Little Valley, N. Y.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl E. Kemp entertained Prof. W. W. Palmer and family Monday night to dinner and cards, giving them a good send-off Tuesday morning for Niagara Falls, New York where the Professor will teach next year.

Announcements have been received of the birth of a little daughter, Marjorie Laverne to Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Shafer of Torrance, California. Mrs. Shafer is the daughter of Atty. and Mrs. L. G. Backus of Monrovia, Calif.

Miss Virginia Lasher, the little Fresh Air Girl who was entertained at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Eggert for a fortnight, returned Sunday to remain with Mr. and Mrs. Eggert. The little Miss made the trip from New York City alone. She will spend some time with them.

Miss Ella B. Wright, member of the faculty of Andover High School last year has entered the State University at Columbus, Ohio where she is taking the Master of Arts Course. This will qualify Miss Wright for a college position.

Several from Andover attended the Hinchey Reunion held at Island Park in Wellsville, Saturday August 22. There were 68 in attendance. Officers for the year are: President, Eugene Smith of Olean; Vice-President, C. E. Burdick; Secretary and Treasurer, Carl Burdick.

Independence School will open August 31. Mrs. McCutcheon will be the teacher.

Miss Mary Snyder was in Elmira guest of Mrs. S. A. Hinchey from Sunday until Thursday.

Miss Elizabeth Folsing and the Misses Lauretta and Henrietta Thompson motored to Andover from New York City, arriving here Wednesday for a few days visit at the Folsing home.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Church, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Nobles and Elmer Church left yesterday by motor for Easton, Pa., where they will visit at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Church.

Postmaster and Mrs. John Common and son, Robert, Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Hunt, Mrs. Louise Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Baker and Miss Sara Bettinger were dinner guests Sunday of Dr. Common's mother, Mrs. Anna Common of Angelica.

Mrs. P. J. Riley and daughter who have been guests for several weeks at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Dougherty of Chestnut Street, returned to their home in Oklahoma, leaving Tuesday evening and are visiting friends enroute.

Mr. and Mrs. John C. Lever and family and Mrs. Alice Lever drove to Allegany Park, Sunday where they were met by Mrs. Lever's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Graves. Mrs. Lever and children returned with them to Panama for a fortnight visit.

Millan Mingus Barney of Andover and Miss Ora Lula Graves of Whitesville, N. Y., were married at the M. E. Parsonage August 21 by Rev. A. W. MacDougald.

40 YEARS AGO

August 23, 1935

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Edward T. Lynch died suddenly August 17 while working in the hay field. His nephews, Charles and Norbert, who were working near by noticed something wrong

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