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OF ANDOVER HISTORY

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FIFTY YEARS AGO

FEB. 24, 1892

H. C. Norris, Editor

E. L. Hann is the "happy dad" of a ten pound boy born last Saturday.

Ray Smith is home from the Hornellsville Business College on account of illness this week.

Miss Emma Wright, who teaches school in Wellsville spent Sunday at her home in this village.

There are three tickets in the field this spring election. The Republicans headed by T. N. Boyd for supervisor, W. H. Phillips for town clerk; the Democrats with John Prest for supervisor and J. L. Williams for Town clerk, and the Prohibition, with Elmer A. Cottrell for supervisor and Charles A. Robinson for town clerk.

Maggie McAndrew closed a very successful term of school at Fulmer Valley last Friday.

Gideon Hollowell, Andover's centennarian, is reported ill.

BIRTHS

Feb. 16.—To Mr. and Mrs. Lytle Robinson of Friendship, a daughter.

Feb. 8.—To Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Carlin of Wellsville, a son.

Feb. 19.—To Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Depew of Wellsville, a son.

Feb. 22.—To Mr. and Mrs. Christley Rhodes of Wellsville, a daughter.

Feb. 23.—To Mr. and Mrs. Edson Marsh of Wellsville, a son.

Feb. 23.—To Mr. and Mrs. Edw. Stieninger of Wellsville, a daughter.

Feb. 24.—To Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Green of Wellsville, a son.

MARRIAGES

Feb. 15.—Miss Elizabeth Quant of Belmont and Lloyd E. Minger of West Almond.

Feb. 12.—Miss Evelyn Suess of Buffalo and Clarence J. Coyle of Belfast.

Feb. 20.—Miss Winifred Hodges and Pvt. Donald Marshall, both of Wellsville.

DEATHS

DeForrest Woodcock, 57, Wellsville, Feb. 19. His wife, a stepdaughter and a sister survive. Services were held Saturday.

Mrs. Helen Comfort, 74, Friendship, Feb. 19. A son, James Comfort survives.

Clyde Ackerman, 59, of Yorks Corners, Feb. 24. His wife, four children, a step-son and a sister survive. Services were held Thursday.

FORTY YEARS AGO

FEB. 26, 1902

Mosher & Backus, Editor & Publisher

Mrs. Flora Jennette Johnson died at her home in Andover Feb. 17th, following an illness of two years. Her husband, John Johnson and seven children survive. Services were held from the M. E. Church Feb. 20 with burial in Hartrum cemetery.

One hundred and ten Odd Fellows and Rebekahs enjoyed the annual banquet at the M. E. church parlors Thursday evening. Henry Stephens was toastmaster and music was furnished by Cannon's orchestra.

Ward Oatley and family, who have been residents of Andover for a number of years have moved their household goods to Canaseraga, where they will make their future home.

Mrs. Mary Prescott, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George W. Mead of Andover died at her home in Canadice Feb. 23. Funeral services were held in the M. E. church, Andover, this afternoon.

Pardon Bros. loaded eight carloads of potatoes this week.

Farm hands are scarce and prices are said to range from $16 to $22 a month.

Miss Julia Lynch has been engaged to teach the coming term in West Union.

Frank Rice moved his family from Harmontown, Pa., Saturday to Andover, where he will make his home.

Mrs. M. F. Livermore is reported quite seriously ill at the home of her father, R. Hardy. A trained nurse from Hornellsville is caring for her.

Miss Helen Baker finishes her course at the Hornellsville business college this week and has accepted a position with Ward and Grantier at Wellsville.

Mrs. J. L. Williams, Mrs. A. J. Greene, Mrs. Sidney Crandall and Miss Jennie Martin were entertained at the home of M. A. Green at Tip Top Tuesday.

Arling Baker was a business visitor in Wellsville Friday.

Miss Agnes Trainor was a Hornellsville business visitor Friday.

Assemblyman Jesse S. Phillips was home from Albany over the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. George Weber of Hornellsville were entertained at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Snyder, Sunday.

Misses Mira and Nellie Diffin entertained a sleigh load of Stannards young people Monday evening.

THIRTY YEARS AGO

FEB. 23, 1912

J. Harvey Backus, Editor & Publisher

Thirty years ago this week Morris E. Gregory of Corning donated the site of the Steuben County Tuberculosis hospital, which for several years has been out of existence, on the condition that the institution be named the Gregory Tuberculosis hospital.

The farm house on the farm recently purchased by Floyd Kaple of Reuben F. Jenkins was completely destroyed by fire, caused from an overheated stove. Mr. Kaple suffered not only the loss of his home but also sustained heavy losses from farm produce which was stored in the cellar. However insurance was carried on most of the property.

Listed also with fire damage this week is the heavy loss by fire at Canisteo, February 11, when flames destroyed the Comfort building, Zeltwanger's meat market and the Burrell Jewelry store.

We are glad to note that Mrs. Charles Robinson is making a successful recovery from blood poisoning of the hand, caused from the mere prick of a pin.

At the meeting of the Women's Christian Temperance Union Friday Mrs. Sylvia Mourhess and Mrs. Flora C. Deming were elected delegates and Mrs. W. H. Adams and Mrs. Frisbey alternates to represent the Andover Union at the county institute to be held in Belmont Feb. 28-29.

Miss Jessie Bloss attended the silver wedding given in honor of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Bloss on Thursday, Feb. 15, this being her 25th wedding anniversary.

Atty. and Mrs. Jesse Grantier were guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Pease, Sunday.

Leo Raufenbarth attended the Knights of Columbus ball at the Federation building in Hornell Tuesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Richmond of and Mrs. Frank Bloss of Andover, Sunday.

H. E. Snyder was in Jamestown, guest of Miss Howard, Saturday and Sunday.

Edson Langworthy was a business visitor in Buffalo Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Richardson were in Buffalo Tuesday.

ASK The Scientist

If you have a question to ask the scientists, mail it to the New York Press Association ,The Castle, Syracuse, N. Y. The Science Board of the Radio Workshop at Syracuse University will answer each week in the Andover News those questions considered most interesting and timely.

Question 1.—An Axis spokesman recently justified the alliance of Japan, Italy and Germany on the grounds that the Japs are yellow Aryans. Could this be true, and to what race do the Japanese belong?

Answer.—The concept of the Aryan race arose in connection with the people of Persia centuries before Christ. Strangely enough if we were to pick a single small area of the world for the seat of the origin of the Aryan race it would be Iran, that small country which England and Russia just occupied to the east of Turkey. Centuries before the Christian era the more supreme of the tribes there called themselves the Aryan race.

The term Aryan has no meaning whatsoever biologically. The most simple definition is probably that the Aryans were the ancestors of the white people. So there can be no such people as yellow Aryans. Aryans must be white by definition.

The most simple breakdown of the human races classifies all people into three races in terms of hair type. The smooth-haired people are the Mongolians, the kinky-haired people are the Negroes, and the wavy-haired people are the Caucasians. Or, these may be classified in terms of color. The yellow are the Mongolians, the black are the Negroes, and the white, the white or Caucasian. The Japanese are distinctly of the Mongol group.

Some of the Japanese characteristics are as follows: The average height of a male Japanese is 5 feet 3½ inches. The average height of the female is 4 feet 10½ inches. The average height of the Korean, just a little farther south is 5 feet 3¾ inches. The average height of the Chinese is 5 feet 7 inches.

The height of the head as compared to the length of the body is greater in the Japanese than in any other people. The height of the head among the English is about one-eighth that of the body. The height of the head of the Europeans is about one-seventh that of the body, and the height of the head of the Japanese is more than that.

Japanese have shorter legs. The Japanese have prominent cheek bones and what appears as a flat face. They have straight hair and a yellow to a yellow-brown skin. The Japanese are not easily ruffled when they are provoked or troubled. They do not fear pain or death. Their supreme virtue is loyalty to the throne and to the country. They have a great pride of race and patriotism. It borders on fanatisism. All of these characteristics make the Japanese a formidable enemy.

The Japanese are more closely related to our Indians than they are to any other people and they compare most closely with the Carib Indians of the northern parts of South American and the Carribean Islands, not the Indians of Peru and Columbia and Mexico, but those of the eastern side of the continent.—Dr. Ernest Reed, geneticist.

Question 2.—What is disappearing ink?

Answer. — Disappearing ink is composed of certain chemical substances which will slowly change to a colorless or invisible material. If, for example, one writes with a dilute solution of starch, the writing will turn blue on exposure to vapors of iodine, but one standing for some time the color fades out completely.

Another disappearing ink is made from cobalt chloride. The writing is invisible until it is headed whereupon it turns blue. If one breathes upon it or allows it to stand for a time, the writing fades again to invisibility.

There are many so-called secret inks which are invisible until they are treated with a suitable chemical which develops the color. One of the simplest of these is lemon juice. The writing may be brought out with a hot flatiron or by holding the paper over a low flame. This, however, is permanent once the color has been developed.—Dr. Aden King, chemist.

WHO KNOWS?

1—When did Germny build the Scharnhorst and Gneisenau?

2—Who was Fritz Todt?

3—Who is our new ambassador to Soviet Russia?

4—What percentage of our rubber comes from the Far East?

5—How many Japanese nationals live on the West Coast?

6—What are "Niser"?

7—What is a "malaprism"?

8—In the army, does a "top kick" outrank a "shave tail"?

9—Where is the Kyber Pass?

10—Have all Nazi offensives begun in the spring?

(See "The Answers" on another page).

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Dairymen Are Being Urged To Shun Union

John L. Lewis Is Again Attempting to Inflict His CIO Yoke Upon New York State Dairymen.

We are reprinting the following article from last week's Belmont Dispatch, relative to the proposed plan of John L. Lewis and the CIO to take over the New York Milk Shed. We heartily agree with this article especially in the thought that dairymen should give this proposal a lot of deep study before making any rash moves:

New York State dairymen are again being approached by John L. Lewis' CIO organizers and the word has gone forth that a determined effort is in progress to unite the important milk producing bloc with the United Mine Workers of America.

It will be recalled that the CIO made a brief invasion into Allegany county last year when it essayed a meeting at Andover, only to have it broken up by Legionnaires, quickly assembled by means of the loud speaker system at the Angelica fair, then in progress. The organizers left most peremptorily.

On account of this most recent attempt of the movement to enter the state and in belief that sooner or later Allegany county dairymen will come in contact with same, The Dispatch editor has made contact with one, A. C. Pilger of Batavia, a director of the Genesee County Cooperative, well versed in the CIO movement, and a prominent doweast agriculturist, and herewith passes along his "beware" views to local clientile with a view to their enlightenment if and when the time should arrive:

The Batavian, recognized thruout the state as an authority on milk price structures and legislation, declares that the DFU is acting "in desperation" and "is jumping from the frying pan into the fire."

Mr. Pilger charges that the CIO is capitalizing on a "jittery" frame of mind of some farmers who are losing their presence of mind because of their inability to make a living and because farm prices are not advancing in proportion to those of other commodities.

"Secretary of Agriculture Wickard and the farmer co-operatives working together under the laws," in his opinion, "hold the only true solution for the farmer's well being.

"That has been clearly demonstrated in the milk industry during the past four years. What is needed to perfect this machinery is to have farmers flock to and support the farmer-controlled co-operatives whose leaders will work intelligently with highly-trained men under Mr. Wickard's leadership.

"This is the only sensible approach—working with men who understand the agricultural business rather than throw huge sums of money into the hands of people (the CIO) who will enrich themselves at the farmers' expense without having the knowledge or the inclination to do any constructive good for the farmer.

"I am told on good authority that the CIO is readying an invasion of New York State farms. My one hope is that dairy farmers will, before acting, give their informed leadership opportunity to present both sides of the case."

The Batavian explained that dairymen in the North Central states were the first to affiliate with the CIO "and they are paying ten cents a cow as an initiation fee and three cents per hundred pounds of milk in dues. Co-operative members here are assessed only two cents per hundred pounds and the co-operative renders a multitude of services, maintains an office for records, handles transportation and takes care of all details.

"Mr. Lewis charged fifty per cent more and renders no service except possibly to furnish leaders for strikes and send out his henchmen to muster more enrollees.

"Why do farmers who are the most conservative people in the country, commit themselves to such a thing as this? It's difficult to find an answer for this question, but my reply is to ask this question:

"Why did the Germans throw themselves under the yoke of Hitler? The men who wrote the Versailles Treaty tilled the soil for Hitler's rise to power. I don't believe the Michigan farmer loves John L. Lewis or his program, but somebody has compelled a set of circumstances whereby the misguided farmer espouses that cause as the least of all evils.

"What are the circumstances?—The inability to make a living, because farm commodities, farm prices are pegged, but the one great thing that goes into the cost of farming is not. That is organized labor which goes into most everything the farmer buys. It is not pegged and will not be.

"And it won't, too, because organized labor holds the voting strength and the politicians won't harm that vast reservoir of votes.

"In his recklessness, the farmer may reason that Mr. Lewis has led the battle which prevents a ceiling over his followers and so will throw tremendous funds into his treasury which is accountable to nobody."

Dairymen's League Meets At Belmont

The monthly meeting of Allegany County Dairymen's League was held at the town hall at Belmont on Monday, Feb. 23rd. The morning session was devoted to delegate reports and a business discussion. There was considerable discussion of the false idea given by the monthly reports of the market administrator as to the increased value of the milk this year over last. These reports fail to take into account the increased cost of producing the milk.

Following dinner served at Ward hall, Mrs. Francisco, president of Amity local, welcomed the members. Mr. Payne, division representative of Elmira spoke of the necessity of strong farm organizations. He stated that farmers are being called unpatriotic because they are demanding a better price for their products. Farmers are not attempting to enrich themselves but without a living price, they cannot hope to hire high priced labor and buy products necessary for high milk production. He urged farmers to think before joining any group allied with a labor organization since not only the farmer himself would come under such an influence but his hired help and all persons performing services for him.

Director Clarke reported on the milk situation and stated that at the present price of cheese, butter should be over 50 cents a pound. Mr. Burton of the 4-H spoke on "Victory Gardens" and Mr. Harrington of the Farm Bureau on farm meetings to be held in the future.

The Home Department of the county presented a program which included a report of the activities in each local during the past year. Mrs. Lewis Middaugh, chairman of the associate delegates presented Miss Ann Schoonmaker of New York who spoke on the requirements that war has placed upon rural life. She urged more neighborliness and stated that democracy starting at home continues in the community. At the conclusion of her talk Miss Schoonmaker showed colored moving pictures taken in the county.

Donald Joyce Assigned to Army Vehicle School

Ft. Knox, Ky., Feb. 20.—Acting upon orders issued by Maj. Gen. Jacob L. Devers, Chief of Armored Force, Technician 4th Grade, Donald L. Joyce, 22nd Engineers, 6th Armored Division, son of B. L. Joyce, 52 Chestnut street, Andover, N. Y., reported for a special course of instruction in the Wheeled Vehicle Department of the Armored Force School, "college" of that ultra-mechanized "blitz" branch of the Army.

Headed by Maj. Claude A. Black, the Wheeled Vehicle Department trains skilled experts who maintain and repair the numerous types of wheeled vehicles used by the Armored Force, including the famous "Jeeps," the little "Blitz buggies" or "peeps" and the armored scout cars. The 60-day course is three, including the fundamentals of shop practice and theory of mechanics.

The mammoth 350-building school only one of its kind in the United States, operates 12 hours a day, six days a week, with two six hour shifts It graduates 24,000 enlisted men and 1,440 officers annually as qualified technicians from ten different courses. Started Nov. 4, 1940, the school is commanded by Gen. Stephen G. Henry.

Uncle Ab says that one of the compensations of war is that we won't be able to buy a lot of things we never needed.

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NOTICE OF VILLAGE TAX SALE

WHEREAS, arrears of taxes for the year 1941, charged and imposed, pursuant to law, remain due and unpaid on the several tracts, lots, pieces or parcels of land described in the following list, viz. (The names or occupants as the same appear on the assessment roll for said year and the amount, including the taxes, water rents to June 1st, 1941, interest, expenses and other charges against the properties for such year and period as appears on the records in the office of the Treasurer of the Village of Andover, N. Y.):

Earley, C. L. Est., Lot 65, acres .125; N. Hwy., E. Witter & Smith, S. Erie, W. Silk Co. Val. $200.00 ------ $3.05
Hunt, Sarah, Lot 81; acres .25; N. Hunt, E. Hwy., S. Hwy., W. Hwy.. Val. $350.00 -- $2.81
Hunt, Sarah, Lot 81, acres .25; N. Cannon, E. Hwy., S. Hunt, W. Hammond. Val. $350.00 ---------- $2.81
Howe, A. D., Lot 80, acres .75; N. Davis, E. Hwy., S. Carr, W. Rogers. Val. $900.00 $5.29
Kinkaid Products Co., Lot 65, Erie Grounds. Val. $600.00 ---------- $3.89
McGraw, Rena, Earley, Florence, Lot 66 acres, .75; N. Hwy., E. Appier, S. Smith, W. Leahy. Val. $500.00 $3.46
Mitchell, M. A., Lot 80, acres 1.5; N. Kaple, E. Hwy., S. Hwy., W. Erie. Val. $1,600.00 ---------- $8.21
Parker, Orris, Lot 80, acres 2.5; N. Hann, E. Robinson, S. Conley, W. Hann. Val. $100.00 ---------- $3.27
Snedeker, Clarence & Cora, Lot 81, Acres, 1.; N. Snedeker, E. Snedeker, S. Lehman. W. Hwy. Val. $1,100.00 $14.72
Snyder, William, Lot 80, acres .33; N. Hann, E. Howland. S. Hwy., W. Folsing. Val. $1,800.00 ---------- $19.88
Tuttle, Pearl, Lot 80, acres .16; N. Vars, E. Baker, S. Robinson, W. Hwy. Val. $2,800.00 ---------- $13.40

NOW THEREFORE, notice is hereby given that, pursuant to Section 126D of the Village Law, State of New York and resolution of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Andover, Allegany County, New York; duly adopted on the 5th day of January 1942, I, Chas. B. Caple, Treasurer of the said Village of Andover, will sell at public auction in the manner provided by law on the 14th day of March, 1942, at 10 in the forenoon in the office of the Village Clerk in said Village of Andover so much of each of the above named parcels of real estate upon which Village taxes remain unpaid, including water rents to June 1st, 1941 as will be sufficient to discharge the tax, fees, interest and charges which may be due thereon respectively at the time of such sale, and shall continue the same from day to day until said sale shall be completed.

The purchaser or purchasers at such sale shall pay the amount of their respective bids to the Village Treasurer, within ten days after sale and upon such payment shall receive a written certificate of sale describing the real estate purchased and the sum paid therefore.

Dated: Feb. 14th, 1942.

CHAS. B. CAPLE,
Village Treasurer

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Local Happenings

Mrs. H. E. Lehman is ill at her home on Water street.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Burdick moved Monday from their home on Chestnut street to Wellsville.

—Miss Ruby Swarts of West Greenwood is assisting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Warren Ahrens.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Holt and family have moved from the Williams house on Dyke street into the Atwood apartment on West Greenwood street.

Allen Fuller had the misfortune to lose the end of the index finger on his left hand last Thursday while working on highway machinery at the town garage.

Miss Julia Ryan and James R. Dudley both of Portville were married Saturday, Feb. 14. Miss Ryan has conducted dancing classes in Andover and is well known to many here.

The Allegany County Garden Club will hold their meeting in Wellsville March 11th. There will be a "bird house exhibit" arranged by Mrs. Olive Graves and an illustrated bird talk by Paul Davie.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilber Sly, who have been located at Ketchekan, Alaska on a government job are now located in Minden, Louisiana. They had a 48-hour notice to leave and sailed Jan. 29th, arriving in the U. S. Feb. 10th.

The O. E. S. held their February meeting at the home of Mrs. Ralph Benjamin Friday. There was a good attendance with delicious refreshments served by the hostess. The March meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Harry Smith.

The Whitesville News reports that Aden Horton of Whitesville has purchased the Calvin Jones farm in Hazeltine Gully and that Mr. and Mrs. Richard Vogel of New York City have purchased the 400 acre W. E. Clark farm located on the same road.

Betty Ann Robinson has been promoted to Private Secretary to Mr. Hunt of Maritime Milling Co. in Buffalo, where she has been employed since Labor Day.—Alfred Sun. Miss Robinson is a granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Robinson of Andover.

A surprise visit was tendered Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Green in honor of their wedding anniversary Sunday by their sons and daughters, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Green, Clifford Green, Mr. and Mrs. Wilmer Atwell of East Valley and Mr. and Mrs. Eldyn Brooks of Wellsville. A tureen dinner and social afternoon was enjoyed.

A party of friends and neighbors gave Mr. and Mrs. James McDonough a shower at their home on Water street Thursday evening of last week. Pinochle and pedro were played with Mrs. George Wereley receiving high in pedro and Mrs. Orla Baker in pinochle. Lunch was served and Mr. and Mrs. McDonough presented a sum of money.

Mrs. L. E. Jordan is improving slowly from several weeks illness.

Mrs., William Childs is ill at the home of her son, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Childs of Maple street.

The Relief Corps will hold their February birthday party at the hall this Friday with a tureen dinner at noon.

Anna, 14-month-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Davis of Railroad Valley is ill with bronchial pneumonia.

Mrs. Julia Cady Whipple of Kichburg observed her 95th birthday Friday Feb. 13. Mrs. Whipple enjoys fine health considering her years and is about the home doing light household tasks each day.

Word has been received by Mr. and Mrs. Frank Dean of the birth of a daughter, Veronica Margaret, to Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Burdick at the Kane hospital, Kane, Pa., on Feb. 13th. Mrs. Burdick is the former Miss Rita Dean of Andover.

A number from Andover attended the supper and dance held at the West Greenwood Grange hall Friday night for the benefit of the Greenwood Grange. Despite the bad weather the social affair was well attended and very successful.

The World Wide Guild met at the home of Mrs. Hattie B. Eggleston Tuesday afternoon. The program was on "Our Spanish People in New York City" and the "Falls House of the Mother School for Colored Girls in South Carolina." White cross work was done by the girls.

WPA workers have been assigned the job of making a survey of all auto grave yards in the state to determine the amount of scrap metal which can be salvaged from them. Owners or operators of such junk auto yards are required to furnish the interviewers with the information.

Curtis Brutzman, 18, of South Canaseraga narrowly escaped serious injury last Wednesday when he was buried in eight tons of coal at the Erie powerhouse in Hornell. He was shoveling coal from a bin into the chute which fills the stokers when in some manner he fell into the mouth of the pipe and the coal fell in on top of him. It took three hours to rescue him.

The March meeting of the Woman's Society of Christian Service will meet Wednesday, March 4th at the home of Mrs. Ralph Burgett, with Mrs. Burgett, Mrs. Charles Holt, Mrs. Warren Ahrens and Mrs. Mary Church, hostesses. Devotionals will be in charge of Mrs. Clara Hann and the program committee, Mrs. Charles Ruger, Mrs. Robert Church, Mrs. Pauline Croyle and Mrs. J. N. Wentworth. The members of the society are also planning on a tureen dinner held in honor of the 90th birthday of Mrs. Ida Brewster, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Theresa Hyland, this coming Saturday, Feb. 28th.

While a group of Empire Gas & Fuel Co. employees were working near Gaines Pa., recently a woodchuck appeared in a field to investigate activities of the workers.

Several papers through out this area last week carried items of various people in their communities seeing brown and black caterpillers crawling about. Another omen of an early spring.

John L. Roberts, 20, of Little Genesee, is being held for the grand jury on a charge of arson in connection with the burning of a large barn on the Frank Husak farm in Bolivar last week.

Charles Clark of Scio is staying at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Coats while building a power house to replace the one which recently burned on the lease on the Livermore farm, owned by the S. C. F. Co.

A shower honoring Mrs. James Cannon was held Wednesday evening at the home of Mrs. G. A. Wereley. The evening was passed with cards. Refreshments were served later in the evening. Mrs. Cannon was the recipient of many dainty gifts. Out of town guests were Mrs. Ray Burns, Mrs. Thomas Fisher and Mrs. Walter Manion of Wellsville.

Forest fires in New York were more numerous and losses greater in 1941 than in any of the preceding five years. Statistics compiled by the Conservation Department show that for the 12 months of last year 2,700 forest and brush fires resulted in the burning of 30,501 acres of land or an average of 11.3 acres for each fire. Long periods of dry weather is given by the department at the cause of the increase.

Total Livestock Increased In All Sections

The number of cattle, hogs, and sheep for the country as a whole saw very sizeable increases in numbers from what they were a year ago, according to a State-Federal report issued from the New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets.

The number of horses and mules continued to decline, but the number of cattle, hogs and sheep increased, with cattle and sheep numbers both making new all time records and hogs reaching the fourth highest level in over 15 years.

The largest relative increase was in the number of hogs, which was up about 12 per cent. This increase in numbers was a result largely of the large fall pig crop of 1941, which was up 18 per cent from that of 1940.

The number of all cattle on the farms of the country increased during the year by 3,146,000 head to 74,607,000 head. This was an increase of about four per cent during the year. The number of milk cows increased about three per cent.

On January 1, 1942 there were more stock sheep on the farms of the country than there had been during any of the past 50 years.

The number of both horses and mules continued to decline during 1941, with horses down four per cent and mules three per cent. The number of both horse and mule colts raised in 1941 was smaller than in 1940.

Andover News Again Sponsors Spelling Bee

National Buffalo Evening News Spelling Bee Off to a Good Start With 366 Entries Already.

The 1942 National Spelling Bee has gotten off to a good start. The competition conducted for the public, private and parochial schools of Western New York by the Buffalo Evening News, and sponsored in Andover by the Andover News, already has 366 entries altho the contest has not yet been officially announced.

These early entries, it is felt, reflect the high regard with which educators hold the spelling bee, for this is the 15th year the contest has been held in Western New York. The 1942 bee will be governed by the same rules which have been in effect for the past several years.

In six Western New York counties—Allegany, Cattaraugus, Erie, Genesee, Niagara and Orleans—the school superintendents have adopted the National Spelling Bee as the official means of selecting representatives for the State fair spelling bee to be held in Syracuse. All the schools in those counties are expected to enroll in order that the best speller may be found for the state and national contests.

—Prizes for every school will be distributed by the Buffalo Evening News. The champion speller of each school will be given a copy of the fifth edition of Webster's Collegiate Dictionary. The second best speller will receive a certificate of merit.

A gold medal will be awarded each county champion, while the county runner-up will receive a silver medal. Both champion and runner-up will take part in the Western New York final, which will be held on May 9th. The third best speller will receive a copy of the second edition of Webster's New International Dictionary (unabridged). The Western New York champion will receive a trip to Washington during the last week in May in which he or she will participate in the National final of the spelling bee. Prizes ranging from $40 to $500 will go to the National winners. The prize money is so distributed that even if a speller misses the first word pronounced, he or she will receive a cash prize of $40. In addition to the prizes in the National contest there will be several days of sightseeing. The champion speller's expenses, plus those of an escort, are paid by the News.

The following schools in Allegany county did not wait for formal announcement of the 1942 National Spelling Bee. They were enrolled last week by the teacher or principal whose name is listed with the name of the school:

Alfred-Almond Central, Harold F. McGraw; Andover Central, Glenn E. Bretsch; Belfast Central, Everett R. Dyer; Belmont High, Frederick M. Strate; Bolivar Central, J. Frederick Whitford; Canaseraga Central, Dayton E. Murray.

Cuba Central, Alfred L. Colburn; Fillmore Central, Andrew F. Haynes; Friendship Central, Robert E. Witter; Rushford Central, Agnes H. Norris; Wellsville Junior High, Geo. F. Jammer; Immaculate Conception, Wellsville, Sister M. Pierre.

Amity 3, Bernice Hartigan; Alma, 5, Alice Cady; Bolivar 7 (Vossburg) Myrtle Shiray; Genesee, 6, Alice H. Baker; Angelica 5, Hester Inaman; West Almond 8, Anna A. Crandall.

GRANGE NEWS

Regular meeting of the Andover Grange was held Feb. 25th at the hall with the following program:

Theme: "Farm Life Yesterday and Today."

Debate: "The Advantages of Farm Life Today Are Greater Than in the Past."

Team, Jane Burdick, Lenna Mead, Doris Mead, Francis Mead, Carol Burdick, Louis Dodge.

Tableaux: "Farm Life," Hervey Thorpe, Mrs. Charles Robinson, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Spicer, Miss Koneta Perkins.

Don't forget, Pomona at Belfast, March 5-6.

Next meeting, March 11th, the theme for the evening will be "Hobbies." Tableau team will be Mrs. Schoonover, Rev. Walter Greene, Mrs. Hattie Conley, Lloyd Mead.

The Grange party has been postponed to March 7th.

Stockholders' Meeting

The regular meeting of the Stockholders of the Allegany Mutual Telephone Company will be held at the Village Hall, Andover, at 2:30 p. m., March 6, 1942, for the purpose of electing officers and to transact any business that may come before the meeting.

All stockholders are requested to be present.

MRS. ETHEL KING,
Secretary

Baker's Hardware News

End-of-Month BUYS!

Soot Remover at 25c
Snow Shovels at 85c
Buck Saws at $1.65
Lantern Globes at 15c
Wiss Kitchen Shears at 98c
Glass Ash Trays at ..... 2 for 5c
Mazda Bulbs from ..... 10c to 55c
Door Mats at 98c
Sewing Machine Needles at . 10c tube
"Boye" Household Oil at 25c

Arling R. Baker - Andover, N. Y.

MARKET BASKET

Your Dollars Go Farther at Your Market Basket Stores

One of the most important jobs in our Victory program, is the job of the housewife who plans menus, markets for foods, and converts them into meals. Rely on your Market Basket store for good foods—as economically priced as possible.

Pancake Flour
BEST YET Buckwheat or Plain 5 lb. Sack 29c

Golden Grain Fresh Creamery BUTTER lb. 36c

Thistle Corn Golden Bantam 2 No. 2 Cans 27c
Fame Fancy Chili Sauce 17c
Tomatoes Fine Cut 3 No. 2 Cans 29c
Kelloggs Rice Krispies . 13c
Molasses Colonial Baking No. 2½ Can 21c
United Evap Milk . 4 Tall Cans 33c
Lifebuoy Soap . . 3 Bars 19c
Sunbrite Cleanser . Can 5c
Potato Chips Blue Ribbon 4½ Oz. Pkg. 17c
Fame Peaches Calif. Bartlett No. 2½ Can 22c
Buckwheat Flour 5 Lb. Sack 25c

Yellow Bag Coffee . . 2 Lbs. 47c
Prince Albert Tobacco . Tin 10c
Swan Soap 4 Med. Bars 25c 2 Lge. Bars 19c
Grapefruit Juice 46 Oz. Can 19c

Fresh Fruits and Vegetables

Sulphur and molasses are outmoded as spring tonics—and vitamin foods replace them to invigorate the nation.

BLUE GOOSE NAVEL
Calif. Oranges
extra large 150's—Doz. 29c

Delicious Tender PASCAL CELERY Large Bunch 15c

Cherry Red RHUBARB .. 2 lbs. 25c
Sweet, Juicy, Fla., 250 size ORANGES .. 2 doz. 35c
Sweet Eating RUTABAGAS ... lb. 3c
Fresh, Crisp SPINACH ... 2 lbs. 19c
Iceberg LETTUCE .. lg. hds. 10c
Green ONIONS & RADISHES ... bunch 5c

— MEAT SPECIALS —

HOME GROWN - MILK FATTED
CHICKENS, 5 to 6 lbs. ..... lb. 29c
MEATY SHOULDER
Veal Roast ..... lb. 27c
Stewing Veal ..... lb. 19c
Veal Chops ..... lb. 35c
LEAN - MEATY
Lamb Roast ..... lb. 29c
Breast of Lamb, for stew .. lb. 19c
Lean Side Pork ..... lb. 27c
Pork Roast, loin or shoulder lb. 29c
Best Cuts Chuck Roast .... lb. 27c
LEAN SHORT RIBS
Boiling Beef ..... lb. 19c
Haddock Tastyloins ..... lb. 25c
Halibut Steak ..... lb. 29c
Blood Red, Fresh Bullheads lb. 29c
Fresh Shucked Oysters .. pint 29c
Salmon Steak ..... lb. 35c