Community Letters

FROM NEWS CORRESPONDENTS

Davis Hill

Mrs. Floyd Slocum, Reporter

May 8.—Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Ordiway and family of Railroad Valley were Sunday evening guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Halsey.

Mrs. Floyd Slocum attended the funeral of Ed Joyce at Andover Thursday.

The well being drilled on the R. J. Cook farm came in with a good showing of gas and oil.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Halsey and family of Wellsville were Sunday guests at Frank Halsey's.

The men on the hill are out today (Tuesday) repairing the line and extending it to the home of Charles Halsey and Ira Ormsby.

Mr. and Mrs. Ira Ormsby of Buffalo have been spending a week or so at their farm home here on the hill.

The Davis Hill Telephone Co. met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Dodge Saturday evening. Officers elected: John Dodge, president; Beulah Slocum, collector and treasurer; Charles and Frank Halsey, directors. After the meeting was adjourned Mrs. Dodge served the company a very nice luncheon. The next meeting will be held the first Saturday in May 1946, at the home of Floyd Slocum.

Rev. and Mrs. Hoyt of Andover were callers at Glen Halsey's Friday and also at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Dodge.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Havens of Andover spent the weekend with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Halsey.

Elm Valley

Mrs. Charley Cole, Reporter

May 9.—The following officers were recently elected in the Community Club for the ensuing year: President, Mrs. Dorothy Burdick; Vice President, Mrs. Lovina Atwell; secretary and Treasurer, Mrs. Nellie Mead; Sunshine Committee, chairman, Mrs. Margaret Jackson, Mrs. Lovina Atwell, Mrs. Cora Burdick.

Mrs. James Schneck of Hornell was a Monday afternoon guest at Charley Cole's.

Mrs. Elmer Ludden and daughter Patricia were in Buffalo one day last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Harley Glover and Mrs. Laura Ellis were in Rochester Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Goodrich and son Lyndon and Mrs. Elmer Ludden motored to Olean Friday.

Richard Burdick and mother, Mrs. Sarah Burdick, were callers in the Donald Dodge home in Hornell Wednesday evening.

Mrs. Kathryn Foster returned Saturday after spending two weeks in Pittsfield, Pa., where she went to attend the funeral of her brother-in-law, Horace Hazeltine.

BUY WAR BONDS & STAMPS

Independence

Mrs. Floyd Clarke, Reporter

May 8.—Carl Clarke was in Belmont Monday attending court.

The Christian Life Class met at R. E. Spicer's Sunday evening, for the last lesson in course of study.

Cpl. Wallace Clarke has returned to camp in N. Carolina.

Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Clarke accompanied Howard Clarke to Little Genesee, Wednesday to spend the day with their brother, Winifred Clarke.

Mr. and Mrs. Milford Crandall were in Little Genesee Sunday afternoon attending a business meeting of Western Association.

Mrs. Carrie Slade and Mrs. Florence Bines of Andover were visiting on the hill Monday and Tuesday.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Spicer, at Tuller Maternity Hospital, in Wellsville, Sunday, May 6th.

Harold Rifenburg and son Harold were in Sayre, Pa. Saturday to see Mrs. Rifenburg who accompanied them home for a few days. She is not improving as fast as her friends would hope she might.

The Potato Spray Ring met for a business meeting at the Parish House, Monday evening.

"So Solly, Please"

The News wishes to again call the attention of writers of our Community Letters column that if their correspondence is mailed on Wednesday it cannot be used in that week's issue of the paper.

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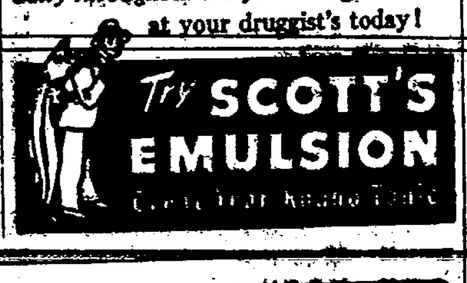

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ASK THE SCIENTIST

If you have a question to ask the scientists, mail it to the New York Press Association, The Castle, Syracuse, 10, New York. 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.—How can dandelions be kept out of the lawn? Is there a chemical which will kill the weeds but not the grass?

Answer.—When a lawn became too heavily infested with weeds there really wasn't much to do about it. Until very recently the best thing was to plow it up and start over again. Now there seems to be a very good chance that everyone can own a beautiful, weedless lawn if it is, at this moment, overrun with dandelions and other obnoxious weeds. This hope comes from recent reports on tests made last summer at the Cornell experiment station on the use of a new herbicide, or plant killer.

This chemical is a close relative of the plant growth regulators which the plants themselves normally produce, and which have been shown to be so effective when used in a synthetic form in stimulating the growth of new roots on the tips of plant cuttings. A whole series of these chemical plant regulators has now been synthesized in the laboratory and many of them are very useful to the farmer and to the horticulturist.

One of them, for example, when sprayed on the tree at the proper time, prevents apples from falling off before the fruit grower can get around to harvest them. Another, when sprayed on unpollinated flowers, will cause the formation of fruit which is free of seeds. Tomato blossoms, for example, so treated, produce seedless tomatoes.

Very recently it was observed that plants sprayed with certain of these growth chemicals undergo a marked change in their growth rate. Some of them grow so fast that they lived out their life span in only a few days or weeks, then curled up and died.

One of these synthetics is 2-4-dichlorophenoxy acetic acid or just 2-4-d for short. A solution containing only .1c|c of 2-4-d sprayed on a weedy, bluegrass lawn had no ill effects on the grass itself but completely eliminated dandelions, narrow leaf plantain, bind weed, lambs quarters, mallow and ragweed. It also seriously set back white clover, but did not kill it out entirely. Many other plants also are affected, so until the complete story is known, it will be safer not to use 2-4-d indiscriminately on your garden, because grapes, raspberries, tomatoes and some other plants, altho not killed, are seriously set back by this treatment.—Dr. Aden King, chemist.

Question 2.—Is there any truth to the statement that people with red hair are more likely to have a strong temper?

Answer.—There is no evidence. When people get excited or angry, the blood rushes to the face and they blush. Red-haired people have less dark pigment in the skin and so the blush is pronounced. A dark pigmented person will not show the blush as well as the red-haired person. If a darkly pigmented person and a lightly pigmented person (red-headed) get equally angry, the red-head will show it and the other will not.—Dr. Ernest Reed, geneticist.

Question 4.—Will a wound heal faster in bright sunlight?

Answer.—No, it will not. Uninfected flesh wounds in normal persons heal rapidly and neither sunlight nor any other outside agency, physical or chemical, is of value in promoting this healing. The prevention and treatment of infections in wounds is an entirely different matter and for this purpose also sunlight is of no practical value whatever, even tho it may kill bacteria directly exposed to it. Light waves have so little penetration that at best their effects are very superficial.

We of this present day are extremely fortunate, however, in having available the various sulpha compounds and such antibiotics as penicillin which are superlatively effective in the prevention and treatment of wound infection.—Prof. Henry Jones, bacteriologist.

Five-year-old daughter: "Look at that funny man across the street."

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