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"Swimming To The West Coast"

By Ed Stackwick

The goal of the "Swim and Stay Fit" swimmers is to swim a distance equal to the width of the continent.

This is a very ambitious task that is being undertaken by the boys and girls from the Andover Central School study body.

Thus far 2,140 miles have been completed with the swimmers presently in the western part of Colorado, only 90 miles from the State of Utah.

Many people may wonder just how this many miles have been accumulated in such a short period of time. Believe it or not, the lead pacer of this unusual but beneficial program, Danny Smith, has already swum over a total of 112 miles himself. Followed by Gene Rosintoski and Bob Vickers with 66 miles each; and Jeff Common and Larry Cook with 60 miles apiece.

In the girls division, Marcie Middaugh and Dianne Stackwick lead, having covered a distance of 15 and 14 miles respectively.

At the present time over 250 students are participating in this physical fitness set-up that is sponsored by the American Red Cross, with each individual student swimming laps geared to their own swimming capabilities.

This monumental feat of the student swimmers doesn't really involve physically traveling overland. Instead, each time a student enters the local indoor pool, he or she swims at least 1/4 of a mile or more at their own pace and the total mileage is charted on a map of the U. S.

Officials of various cities have been notified when the Andover swimmers have been passing their area, with many prominent people sending back letters of congratulations which show the great interest being developed by this unique program.

The following are a few more of the most recent ones received:

Cimarron Jaycees
Cimarron, Kansas

Dear Ed,

May I take this opportunity to thank you for your fine letter and to congratulate all of you on your most important project. This is certainly what America needs and keep up the good work.

Cimarron, as you know, is located on the Sante Fe Trail and is an important historical site in our State. I think you would find it most interesting to visit our City and the welcome mat will always be out for you. Thanking you again.

Best wishes,
G. B. Ellis, Pres.

Chamber of Commerce
Garden City, Kansas

Dear Mr. Stackwick:

I received your nice letter and wish to commend you for your fine program of physical fitness.

Your youngsters are to be congratulated for their efforts and it is certainly appropriate that they have entered Garden City on this swim to the West Coast. In Garden City we have the world's largest municipally owned concrete free swimming pool and we cordially issue an invitation to each of your students to swim with us if they are ever in Western Kansas.

Again, congratulations on your program and I am sure you will meet your goal.

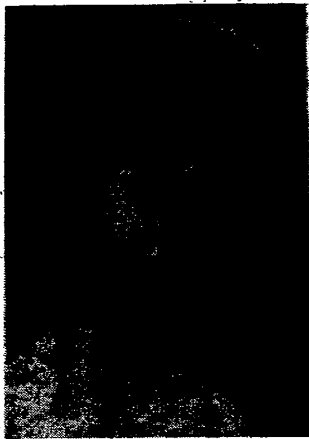
Sincerely,
Mitchel F. Geisler, Manager

The Colorado Springs
Chamber of Commerce
Colorado Springs, Colorado

Dear Friends:

Congratulations on your fine swimming record!

In honor of your accomplishment we are presenting you with a Warranty Deed to 1 square foot



Wins Regents Scholarship

Lynne Sootheran, daughter of Attorney and Mrs. R. J. Sootheran has received a Regents Scholarship as second alternate in Allegheny County. Lynne plans to attend Macalester College in St. Paul, Minnesota.

Youth Baseball Organization Meeting Scheduled

It's that time again—BASEBALL SEASON 1963! An important organization meeting for parents, interested people, managers, coaches, and last year's officers will be held Wednesday evening, April 10th in the High School.

The baseball organization is again going to afford a Grasshopper team (5-7 yr. olds); Little League (8-12 or 13 yr. olds); Babe Ruth (13-15 yr. olds); and under investigation and consideration is the Legion team (15-19 yr. olds). This team will be formed if there is a County League, and if there are sufficient players available here in Andover.

To operate such a varied program a great deal of help and support will be needed. YOU are needed at this meeting to help set up the program and get the ball rolling.

A short meeting lasting less than an hour is planned with no players invited for this meeting.

of the world's most famous mountain, Pikes Peak. In addition I am sending you a Pikes Peak Region Guide which will give you an idea of the beautiful country in this region.

I hope I will be able to greet some of you personally this coming summer during your vacation trips.

Best regards,
Sincerely,
Clayton J. Banta, Manager

Dear Mr. Stackwick and all the boys of the "SWIM AND STAY FIT" program.

I enjoyed your letter so much and am most happy to read that you are going along with our President's program to get all our young people interested in a health program. Go to it boys with great vigor I am all for it. I do quite a bit of swimming myself as do my three sons and I also manage a team in the Encino Little League in which my two older sons are interested.

I have always been interested in all sports and I do not think there is a better way for any boy growing up now days, to occupy his spare time. It not only keeps you physically fit but you meet a fine group of boys, who are setting their goals in the right direction and are also forming good habits, which can well stay with them all their lives. My sincere wish is that you all make the West Coast in your swim in 1964;

Sincerely
Dennis Weaver
"Chester of Beet Hill"

Hubert D. Bliss

Hubert D. Bliss, 68, of Wellsville editor and publisher of the Allegheny County Democrat since 1940, died Friday morning in the Olean General Hospital after a short illness.

Mr. Bliss was born July 1, 1894 in Bolivar, the son of Walter T. and Minnie Mitchell Bliss. He was married to Julia Wahl June 21, 1921.

He was a graduate of Bolivar High School, and Alfred University and also attended Columbia School of Journalism. Starting in his Journalistic Career on the college paper at Alfred, Mr. Bliss was a reporter on the New Bedford (Conn.) Standard, assistant State Editor of the Syracuse Post-Standard and City Editor of the Hornell Tribune before purchasing the Wellsville paper.

A life-long Democrat he was active in all Democratic activities. Mr. Bliss was a member of the Morrison Hayes Post American Legion, the Whitesville Service Club and Past President of the Allegheny County Publishers Association.

Surviving are his wife, two daughters, Mrs. George Valentine, Chatham, N. J., and Mrs. Donald Wormer, Portville and a son H. Mitchell Bliss of Janesville, Wis.; two brothers, Burton T. Bliss, of West Palm Beach, Florida, and George W. Bliss of Bolivar; six grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held Monday afternoon at the Dye & Wildman Funeral Home in Wellsville, the Rev. Joseph Shipman, pastor of the First Methodist Church officiated. Burial was in Alfred Rural Cemetery.

Local Firemen Elect New Officers

The Annual Dinner and Meeting of the Andover Fire Department was held Tuesday evening, April 2, 1963 at the fire hall. The Fire Department's Women Auxiliary prepared and served the dinner, which was enjoyed by all.

The Annual Election of Officers was held after the dinner with the following slate being elected:

President—Robert Baker
Vice President—Ronal Taylor
Secretary—Richard C. Schrader
Treasurer—Clayton Barnes
Chief—William V. Woodruff
1st Asst. Chief—Merle Fox
2nd Asst. Chief—Kenneth Vars
Foreman—Bernard Burger
1st Asst. Foreman—Everett Childs
2nd Asst. Foreman—Frank Cahill
Communication Office—James Gram
Trustee for 3 Years—Donald Baker

Larry Rogers and James Mulholland were accepted as new members in the Department.

Chief Woodruff gave a report on the department's activities, during the past year, which were as follows:

Total Fires—7
Car and Truck—2
Dwellings—5
Electric Fires—2
Tree Fire caused by lightning—1
First Aid Calls—3
Miles traveled by fire app. 435
Man hours spent fighting fires—1255
Mutual Aid Calls—4
Pump Practice—5
Ladder Practice—2

Sackett Needs Help

There will be 42,000 Trout arriving at the Andover Post Office Wednesday morning, April 10th at 11 o'clock. These must be put into Dyke Creek at numerous places all the way down below Elm Valley which will take a number of men. Please contact George if you can help so he will know how many he can depend upon.

News That's Print To Fit

We understand that the local Trout fishermen had an April Fool surprise this year. The weather was perfect—nice and warm like Summer—the only hitch was that the local streams hadn't been stocked yet this year.

In the past, the State Fish Hatcheries have made fish available for stocking a week or two ahead of the season with the local Rod & Gun Club taking care of the stocking detail before the season opened.

However this year the State is trying a new system of waiting until the flood waters have receded before making the trout available to see if they will remain in the locality where they are stocked.

If this system works it will give local fishermen a chance to catch some nice ones later on in the season.

To date, we haven't heard of any being caught locally although we are told that Bob Sackett caught a nice 30" Trout at Naples that weighed in at 5 lbs. 2-oz.

Speaking of April Fool's Day reminds us that one of the female members of the local Bank Staff participated in one of the biology projects going on at the school.

According to a reliable report, Grace re-acted in a very feminine manner by screaming and heading for the tall timber when she opened her money drawer and found a live, white mouse coolly sitting on the cold cash and staring up at her with those little, beady pink eyes.

We can truthfully say that this mouse didn't turn out to be a rat as we haven't been able to get it to squeal to us what some of the other April Fool's gags were perpetrated that day. Too bad we can't find the "Cat that is out of the bag" to loan to Grace to avoid this happening again.

While we are on this subject we understand that the local professional photographer must have had his days twisted as Tuesday turned out to be April Fool's Day for him. We hear that he went out and shot some beautiful scenes up around Harold's nice pond and came back and started developing them. The negatives turned out fine with some first class pictures almost assured until he put them in the next chemical solution.

However this Farmers reducing solution must have thought that it was working on a fat picture as it really went to town, leaving nothing but a shadow of the former picture, with that disappearing when the lights were turned on. Thus if you saw Dick parked out in the Country yesterday with all his photography apparatus along with a butterfly net you will know he was just trying to capture that elusive shadow of a prized picture.

Speaking of pictures reminds us that Al Barden's youngster really has a taste for photography! And boy does he really eat up those swimming pictures which publicized—Daddy's swimming team. The only trouble that has developed so far is trying to get an answer on how many copies he wants of the different prints. Maybe when he gets the samples read over and digested an answer will be forthcoming. Start them in young Al—that's the way!

It's beginning to look as if an automatic camera is needed outside the Bank to give tangible evidence as to the traffic violations that happen on this corner. A week ago Saturday a City station wagon of rather ancient vintage ('55 or so) was seen to pull up by the Market Basket and let a passenger dismount. The car and driver then sat there in a No Standing Area while the other feller did his shopping.

The climax came however when after loading the groceries and getting the car under motion—the driver pulled out into Main Street and made a U-Turn so he could go back down Greenwood Street.

The big question that arises is

Village Board Organization Meeting Held

The regular annual organization meeting of the Andover Village Board was held Monday evening, April 1, 1963.

Mayor Paul Kilbane appointed Caryle Myers as acting Mayor (who will serve only in the event of the Mayor's absence), and made the following appointments to the various committees as indicated:

Water—Charles Ruger
Police—Caryle Myers
Electric—Hugh Barlow
Street—Howard McAndrew
The following job appointments were made by the Village Board:
Clifford Howland—Superintendent Electric Department
Fred Middaugh—Police Chief
Frank Cahill—Temporary Superintendent of Streets and Water
Richard Baker—Extra Patrolman

Dr. S. B. Scott—Health Officer
Reginald Sootheran—Village Attorney
Andover News—Official Newspaper

Andover Office of the Citizens Bank—Official Depository
Landis Kibbe—Clerk-Treasurer
Bessie Mulconery—Historian
Regular Meeting Night—Second Tuesday of each month at 8:00 P. M.

It was decided not to have the regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, April 9th due to the fact that it will be combined with the Public Hearing on the Proposed Budget which will be held Thursday, April 11th.

The regular meeting night however will continue to be the 2nd Tuesday night of each month at 8:00 P. M.

It was also announced by Mayor Paul Kilbane that there will be a Western Regional Meeting of the Municipal Electric Utilities Association at Arcade on April 17th.

Community Good Friday Service

The Community Good Friday Service will be held in the Andover Presbyterian Church. The public is encouraged to attend this service. The hours of worship will run from noon until three. Those participating this year are as follows:

The Rev. John Holmes, Pastor, Andover Baptist Church
Mr. Donald Geffers, Pastor, Christian & Missionary Alliance Church, Andover
The Rev. Bruce Pray, Pastor, Howard Union of Churches, Howard, N. Y.

Dr. Alfred Gross, Pastor, Andover Methodist Church
The Rev. Donald Hyer, Pastor, Arkport Presbyterian Church, Arkport, N. Y.

The Rev. Jesse Howat, Pastor, Almond Union of Churches, Almond, N. Y.

The Rev. Willis Podde, Pastor, Andover Presbyterian Church
Music will be provided by the organists and choirs of the Baptist, Methodist and Presbyterian Churches.

OES Notice

The regular meeting of the Anna W. McArthur Chapter No. 242, Order of the Eastern Star, will be held Monday, April 8th at 8 P. M. at the Masonic Temple. All officers are requested to be present at this meeting.

At this time we will honor two fifty-year members. Mrs. Florence Earley and Mrs. Genevieve Backus. All Master Masons and their wives are invited to join with us at a reception to be held at 9 P. M., in the dining room.

Mrs. Glenda Middaugh, W. M.

Do J.P.'s read the book to drivers that they ride with or just to drivers that come before them in Court. How about it George?