

WHAT TO DO WITH A WHITE ELEPHANT?

BURY IT OR KEEP IT ALIVE? An Editorial

Several years ago the Village Fathers, as well as many of the local businessmen went all out in an effort to bring new industry to Andover.

This was back in the 1956-57 Era and a good deal of money, for a small town anyway, was collected to help erect a building etc., to bring the "Bulk-Tainer" business to our area.

At that time a water line was run (or extended) from the Bungalow Diner vicinity up to this new plant to furnish them with Village water. Water service was also furnished to Jim Joyce from this line since part of "Jim's" new home and property lies within the Village limits.

Plastic water pipe was available on the market at that time a few cents a foot cheaper than galvanized or metal pipe of which we are all familiar. This plastic pipe was comparatively a new product on the market, but since it was cheaper, the Village Board at that time decided to use it instead of the good old tried and true metal pipe which had been used entirely before.

Hugh Barlow, a present Trustee, was Mayor at the time and Howard McAndrew was also a Trustee back then, but of course the other 3 Trustees have long since been replaced. Thus, we still have officials in office that should be able to remember the extravagant promises made for the supposed (alleged) advantages in using plastic pipe instead of metal.

Everything was seemingly taken into consideration EXCEPT the fact that if the water line should freeze up—there would be no quick way to thaw it out with the cheapest way being to wait for Spring and warm weather. Metal pipe on the other hand made from copper, steel, cast iron or even lead can be thawed out in just a few minutes by using a large electric welding outfit like the one owned by Mr. MacEwan from Belmont who has done that type of work here in Andover before. (According to the experts, metal pipe which conducts electricity sets up a resistance to the current generated by a electric welder and heats up thus thawing any ice inside the pipe but since plastic won't conduct electricity this system can't be used.)

According to reliable experts in their field that saw this pipe line put in: "It was laid in a trench at least 4 feet deep or more with sand under and over it to help cushion it and keep it in place and then properly covered up." They say it was carefully and expertly put in so that no subsequent trouble could be properly attributed to the installation of the project.

Yet TWICE, within a span of 6 short years, once around three years ago, and again this past winter this line has frozen up and much time, labor and effort have been poured into thawing it out. BE-SIDES THIS—the subscribers on the line have been without Village water for long periods of time (this recent period being for around 3 weeks.)

We are told that enough 2" galvanized pipe was purchased to run a new line with part of it being hooked up and used on top of the ground as a temporary measure in order to resume water service.

Now we understand that the Village Board has made plans to just patch in the places where ever they can find a leak in the old plastic line and continue to use it AS WELL AS raise the current water rates to most subscribers around 50%!

These 2 decisions should be discussed fully by the taxpayers before being put into effect, since its going to cost all of us more money. This is like the recent effort made by Rockefeller to cram the auto license FEE-TAX raise down the voters throats and incidentally was unsuccessful after an aroused populace voiced their objections.

In this case, the experts that we have talked to say that in their opinions it would be better to let the "White Elephant" plastic line remain buried and put in a new line. than it would be to try to throw good money after bad in an effort to repair the old one.



L. to R.; R. W. Elizabeth C. Davis, Associate Grand Conductress, of the Grand Chapter, Order of Eastern Star; R. W. Dorothy B. Clark, Grand Conductress of the Grand Chapter, Order of Eastern Star; R. W. Charlotte C. Smith, Associate Grand Matron, Grand Chapter, Order of Eastern Star; Most Worthy Olive R. Forstell, Grand Matron of Grand Chapter, Order of Eastern Star; and Most Worthy John W. Grau, Grand Patron of Grand Chapter, Order of Eastern Star.

Proposed Change In Water Rates

TAKE NOTICE: — A Public Hearing will be held in the Village Office, on May 14, at 8 o'clock P. M., for the purpose of adopting the following proposed water rates for the Water Consumers of the Village of Andover Water System:

Proposed Annual Rates — payable semi-annually.	
Minimum Rate	\$12.00
Residence	18.00
Res. with swimming pool	36.00
Restaurant	29.00

Garage with car wash	24.00
Meter Rates Based on Semi-Annual Readings:	
1st 1,200 cu. ft.	\$4.75
Next 8,800 cu. ft.	15c per 100 cu. ft.
In excess of 10,000 cu. ft.	8c per 100 cu. ft.

These rates are proposed to be effective as of June 1, 1963. This hearing is called under a certain resolution passed by the Village Board in session at the Annual Meeting held on April 1, 1963. Dated May 2, 1963. LANDIS C. KIBBE, Clerk

Turning Back The Pages of Andover History

(Taken from the Files of The Andover News)

50 YEARS AGO

April 21, 1933

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Sidney Crandall, 73, a Civil War Veteran, died at his home on Dyke Street, April 19th. His wife, four sons and two sisters survive.

Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Wood are the parents of a daughter born April 18th.

Mr. and Mrs. John P. Smith of First Street are the parents of a daughter, born April 22nd.

Frank Peterson, Sr., for several years a barber in Andover, has retired and moved to Belmont.

Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Hann are the parents of a son born April 21st.

Mrs. L. C. Stearner was called to Wayland Monday by the critical illness of her sister.

Mr. and Mrs. William Kellogg of Greenwood were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. P. M. Swink

Mrs. Addie Coleman is in Wells-ville due to the illness of her daughter, Mrs. Charles Fay.

Edgar Carpenter and daughter passed Sunday at the home of his sister, Mrs. Millie Skaehill of Alle-gany.

Mrs. Scott Prest leaves for New York City today from where she will accompany her cousin, Miss Clara Comstock on a trip to Can-ton, S. Da. The ladies go in charge of a company of children from New York, who are to be placed in private homes in that vicinity.

40 YEARS AGO

April 20, 1923

J. H. Backus & Son, Publishers

Mrs. Mary Warfield was chosen District Deputy President of Al-legany Rebekah District No. 1 at the Annual Meeting held in Wells-ville, Wednesday.

Henry Livermore has begun work on his new residence on Rochambeau Ave.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Ackerman of Elm Valley are the parents of a son born April 17th.

Dr. J. P. Cleary was a business visitor in Buffalo the first of the week.

Guy Wood left Monday on a business trip to Racine, Wis.

Miss Ruth Mingus went to New York Sunday for a visit with Dr. and Mrs. W. J. Grenolds.

Mrs. Lottie Hann, Mrs. Mary Warfield, Mrs. George Beebe, Mrs. Emma Clair, Mrs. Lee Trowbridge Mrs. W. N. Rice, Mrs. William Childs, Mrs. Dan Witter and Mrs. J. H. Backus attended the meeting of the Rebekah Past Grands at Wells-ville, Wednesday.

30 YEARS AGO

April 25, 1913

J. H. Backus & Son, Publishers

Mrs. Linford Potter, 48, died at the Potter Homestead in Independence April 16th. Her husband, a son, a daughter, a sister and two brothers survive.

Mrs. Mary Wilcox, 57, died April 18th. A daughter, two brothers and four sisters survive.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Kilmer and daughter of Woodhull spent Thursday with her Aunt and Uncle Mr. and Mrs. Frank Davis.

Mrs. Maud Clarke, who is visit-ing her daughter, Mrs. A. W. Whitford at Watsonstown, Pa., had the misfortune to fall and fracture her hip.

Mr. and Mrs. Victor Hoagland and family and Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Slocum visited at the home of Mrs. Hoagland's sister, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Francisco in Roch-ester over the week-end.

Mrs. R. J. Lyman of Elmira was in Andover on business Monday. Her father, Philetus Brewster re-turned home with her.

Kenneth Alvord, Mrs. Thelma Reynolds and Mrs. J. D. Cheesman were visiting friends in Westfield, Pa., Sunday.

Misses Ruth Whiston and Kath-ryn O'Donnell of Buffalo were Sunday guests of Mrs. O'Donnell's father, Dr. C. W. O'Donnell Sun-day.

Doctor Quiddity

A Public Service Health Message

MEDICAL SOCIETY OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK

BURSAE?

BURSAE ARE LIQUID-CONTAINING CUSHIONS AND SACS IN AND ABOUT OUR JOINTS — PLACES WHERE PRESSURE AND FRICTION OCCUR — PLACES WHERE MOBILITY AND LUBRICATION ARE NEEDED.

THERE ARE ABOUT 8 IN THE KNEE REGION.

WHEN A BURSA GETS SORE IT'S CALLED BURSTITIS.

WALTER PETER, A.D.

After all—just because its warmer now doesn't mean it won't freeze again next winter—and the next. This would place the Taxpayers in the same position again and again of throwing away good money after bad without correcting the source of the trouble.

As far as a 50% raise in the water rates is concerned—we are against it unless it is absolutely justified since this would in effect have the same result as raising Village Taxes and in the past a great deal of the profits from the Village Water Department and Electric Department have been plowed back into the general fund.

However it is up to all of you taxpayers—speak up now and do something about it—or forever hold your peace!"

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