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It's Minstrel Time Again

Curtain Time 8:15 P. M. Friday & Saturday Nights

After weeks of preparation, the 18th Annual Minstrel Show, sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce is ready for opening night Friday evening at 8:15 P. M.

This year's show is funnier and crazy-like-mad! The songs by the End-Men are of the true Minstrel Show variety with good support coming from the music and chorus.

Come and see the End-Men's version of a Village Board Meeting and you will be sure to be up on the Water Situation. Who knows, The Editor may even be asked to leave the meeting if he says anything?

Bring the whole family and see the "Greatest Drama Production" since "Ben Kasey" hit the screen, when the End-Men put on their own copy-written version of the fairy-tail "CINDERELLA". See how "Prince Charming" woos Cinderella with a real twist!

Then too, we know that "Reid" and his partner have cooked up something novel — but this has even been kept a secret from us.

Tickets are on sale at Vars Pharmacy, and Ken Vars Jewelry Store where you can also get your Reserved Seat Tickets for just a few cents more.

PTA Annual Spring Conference Saturday

On Saturday, May 11, at 9:00 a. m., all highways in the South Central District of the New York Central District of the New York State Congress of PTA (Allegany, Chemung and Steuben Counties) will lead to Andover Central School for the Annual Spring Conference.

After registration, the main meeting for the morning will be a panel discussing: "Parent Problems". Among the questions to be discussed will be juvenile delinquency, teen-age marriage and discipline. This will be a stimulating discussion and there will be an opportunity for questions from the floor.

Participating in this panel will be the following: Moderator: Dr. Margene Tichane, District Parent Education Chairman, a physician and mother of 3 children; Panel Members: Judge Phillip Weis, Family Court Judge from Batavia; Rev. William Harvey, First Presbyterian Church, Horseheads; and Mrs. Shirley McNulty, a teacher in the Junior High School at Painted Post and also a parent.

Following luncheon in the school cafeteria four workshops will be held.

We hope that every member will attend. This conference is not only for officers and chairmen but also for all persons interested in the work of the PTA. We are sure your trip to Andover will put your PTA members on the road to a successful year in 1963-64.

PTA News

The final meeting of the 1962-63 season of the Andover PTA will be held on Thursday, May 16, at 8:00 P. M., in the school auditorium in honor of Teachers Recognition Day.

Mrs. James Smith, South Central District of PTA Board Members will install the new officers. The program will cover student and extra curricular activities. Students will take part in explaining what their activities are and how they benefit from them.

The meeting will be followed by a coffee hour in recognition of the new officers and teachers.

Andover Nine Win First Two Games

2-1 Over Belmont Thursday
Last Thursday afternoon the Panther baseball team opened the league season with a 2-1 win over Belmont on the Andover field.

Jim Cannon, ace righthander, pitched a neat 2-hitter, striking out 10 enemy batsman along the way to chalk up the victory. Jim also hit a triple to deep center field to score his batting mate Ed Smith, to what accounted for the winning tally. After 2 out in the last of the 5th inning, Dave Thorp got on base on an error, Ed Smith lashed a deep drive for a triple, scoring Thorp, that's when Cannon delivered his clutch hit to help his own cause.

Andover had many chances to score but couldn't bunch their hits, they left men on base in every inning but the 3rd.

The winning local pitcher was breezing along with a no hit, no run game until the final frame, when with 1 out Belmont got a hit, he advanced to 2nd on a wild pitch and scored on the opponent's 2nd single to score their lone run. Jim struck out the next 2 batters to end the game.

Andover's next three games are on the road with Alfred-Almond, Bolivar and Fillmore. The final two games with Cuba on Thursday, May 16, and Friendship, Monday, May 20th will close the season. In all league play each team plays each other once for a total of six games.

6-1 Win Over Alfred-Almond

After pitching a win over Belmont, Jim Cannon, the right handed twirler of the Panther baseball team, notched his 2nd victory, allowing 3 hits to defeat arch rival Alfred-Almond. Jim struck out 14 enemy batsmen and walking 3 to claim his second win.

Dave Thorp had a perfect day at the plate garnering a single, double, triple and a run producing fly ball to left field. Cannon and Prosser Bob Joyce contributed two timely hits apiece.

The win gives the local nine 2 wins and no losses. At press time (Thursday) the Panthers travel to Bolivar for another league game.

Next home game will be, Thursday, May 16th against a tough, undefeated Cuba team.

Youth Baseball Coaches, Umpires To Meet Tuesday

There will be a meeting Tuesday, May 14th at 8:00 P. M., at the Andover Central School for all Coaches, Umpires and potential umpires to map out the Youth Baseball Program.

The purpose of this meeting is to establish rules and regulations for the coming season.

All officers of this program and coaches are requested to attend.

OES Notice

The regular meeting of the Anna W. McArthur Chapter No. 242 OES, will be held at 2 P. M., Monday, May 13th due to the visitation at Friendship. There will be a practice session Tuesday, May 14th at 7:46 P. M., at the Masonic Temple to prepare for the visit of the District Officers.

GLENDIA MIDDAUGH,
Worthy Matron

News That's Print To Fit

Whew—What a Week! What with a hard to find fire (although we did end up with a picture); Minstrel Show practice everytime we turned around, and then—that lengthy letter to the Editor!

Certainly no one will be justified if they claim that we aren't fair to our critics when we devote over a third of our Editorial page in order to print a Letter to the Editor, especially when it is downright insulting.

We printed the letter just as it was turned in to us with the exception of making a few minor corrections in typing errors. We do the same for any copy that is turned in to us, since we have found that anyone can make and overlook a mistake in typing, including us.

If we had really wanted to be just plain mean we would have had the letter photographed and printed it that way—but critical we may be, but caustic—not yet anyway!

However in giving away this much space on our Editorial page, we were unable to ask all of the questions that we wanted to in our Editorial, so will cover a few of these in this column.

We believe in blowing ones own horn when given an opportunity—but there is an old adage that "Self praise is worse than none at all."

Mayor Paul stated that "I believe that the present board and all of the previous boards deserve a lot of credit for having kept the tax rate at \$14.00 and the water rates low in the face of these constantly rising costs."

Let's see—The Tax Rate in 1956 and 1957 was \$8.00 per thousand but on April 3, 1958 was jumped to \$14.00 for the fiscal year ending May 31, 1959. (When we got it) This was a raise of over \$7,000 over the previous year's budget with over \$6,000 in the general fund alone. In other words the Tax Rate was jumped 75% from 1 year to the next, with the amount to be raised by general tax levy a little more than 75%.

Some of it, in fact almost \$3,000 was for a new police car and snow plow, but in 1959 the general fund budget was raised another thousand dollars without these expenses.

In 1960 the amount to be raised by the levy remained about the same although \$1,500 was put in the budget as a Reserve for Springs project.

Again in 1961, a reserve for Springs project of \$1,500 was put in the budget with no decrease in the tax rate. Thus, according to this there should be \$3,000 in reserve to develop the Springs if necessary. If this is the case what do we need a raise in the water rates for?

The Mayor also stated that "any increase in the tax rate and/or water rates will cost several of the board members more than the average homeowner in Andover. Just who would this be and how?"

We can think of one trustee that has a new business in his home, but naturally the business would be expected to pay for the water they use, not the owner—after all it's a proper and allowable business expense.

We can think of a couple more of the board members that own property for rental but any smart businessman is certainly going to derive a fair profit on his investment, so if the water rates rise, this will be added on to the rent and the tenant will end up paying for the raise not the landlord.

While on this business-kick—a chlorinator that has been in service for 25-years certainly must have been expended long over and this money should have been set



Photo by Wittie

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS—The Annual Sale of Poppies by the American Legion Auxiliary in the United States has been recognized officially by the President and the Veterans Administration and

WHEREAS: The proceeds of this worthy fund raising campaign are used for the benefit of disabled and needy veterans and the widows and orphans of deceased veterans exclusively and

WHEREAS: The basic purpose of the Annual Sale of Poppies is eloquently reflected in the desire to "Honor the dead by helping the living" therefore

I, Paul E. Kilbane, Mayor of the Village of Andover do hereby recognize the merits of this cause and urge the citizens of this community to contribute generously to its support by wearing these symbols of loyalty. I urge all patriotic citizens to wear a Poppy as mute evidence of our gratitude to the men of this country who have risked and given their lives in defense of the freedoms which we continue to enjoy as American citizens.

PAUL E. KILBANE, Mayor
Village of Andover, N. Y.

aside for its replacement.

In talking with several businessmen of Main Street we are told that they are only going about half the business they did ten years ago, and consequently are using only about half as much water.

Then too, the practice of charging extra for additional fixtures or toilets always seemed a little ridiculous to us since a family of two can only use 1 of each of these facilities at a time per person and only so much water can be run thru the water service anyway.

We will be only too happy to admit that our rates have been very reasonable but don't forget that people are much cleaner than they were 10 years ago and more likely they drank a lot more of it then than they do now, as it was sure more palatable then, since the taste of chlorine can be even tasted in tea or coffee. Then too, when it is, roilly as it has been sometimes in the past few years, about the only real good place it could be used would be in a frog pond. 10-4?

Hope to see Y'ALL at the Board Meeting next Tuesday night — we might even be able to arrange a few personal interviews who knows?

Andover Firemen were called out at 9:30 Sunday morning to assist Alfred Station Volunteers to control a fire of undetermined origin that destroyed a large barn on the William Pulos property on the McAndrew Rd. Lost in the blaze, which threatened a farm home and two other smaller buildings, was one bull and a quantity of hay. Alfred firemen summoned the first time at 9:24 a. m., returned again at 12:15 and 7:50 p. m. as bales of hay flared up. A farm pond provided sufficient water, enabling firemen to save the other structures, which were about 30 feet from the barn.

Hospital Notes

Hervy Thorne was admitted to the St. James Mercy Hospital last Thursday and underwent surgery the first day of the week.

Mrs. Melvin Coy, a surgical patient in the Jones Memorial Hospital, returned to her home Sunday.

Mrs. Myrlan Phillipson was admitted to the St. James Mercy Hospital Friday as a medical patient.

Donald Gavin, Grove St., is a medical patient in the St. James Mercy Hospital, admitted Monday.

Merton Wright has been discharged from the St. James Mercy Hospital and is about with the aid of crutches.

Legion Auxiliary News

The regular meeting of the Lynch-Burgott American Legion Auxiliary was held at the Legion Home Monday evening May 6th.

A very impressive Memorial Service was conducted with Mrs. Hazel Burgott presiding. Candles in crystal holders were placed on the table in the form of a Cross. Bessie Mulconery, President, lighted the candles as each deceased member's name was called and a wreath of white rosebuds was placed by the Cross. Bertha Hardy played soft music during the lighting of the candles, with Floye Lever acting as Chaplain.

Members were asked to meet at the home of Bertha Hardy, May 24th at one o'clock to make plans for the Memorial Day Parade.

Poppies were distributed to members for the Annual Poppy Drive.

Committees from the Auxiliary assisted by the members from the County made the table decorations and nut cups for the State Commander and the State President's Testimonial Dinner to be held in the Andover Central School Cafeteria Tuesday, May 21st. The dinner will be prepared and served by the Andover PTA.

Lunch was served following the meeting with Melva Snyder, Ann Snyder and Esther Joyce as hostesses.

Don't Forget the Minstrels Friday and Saturday Nights