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In the upper picture car No. 3/7 driven by Morey Smith and No. 101 driven by "Don" Klink are in the foreground with No. 300 driven by "Irv" Hall and 7-Crown by "Don" Witherall in the background. No. 33 driven by "Dick" Flaig is in the middle of the track with No. 3 driven by Ray Jordan at the extreme right. (Ray's white helmet can be seen thru the back window in about the middle of his car.)

In the lower picture the arrow points to where Ray Jordan slipped and fell in the flames when he jumped out the right window as News Photographer "Red" Allen walks over to help him. Photo by Wittie

Spectacular Fire At Angelica Raceway

Last Friday night a spectacular fire at the Angelica Raceway brought thousands of racing fans to their feet in chilled fear when several cars in the backstretch collided exploding a 5 gallon can full of gas which sent roaring flames over a hundred feet up the race track into No. 2 turn.

Your News reporter was taking pictures at that end of the track with "Dick" Wittie Official Race-track Photographer at the other end of the track when the accident occurred.

"Dick" snapped the above 2 unusual pictures as he came running up from the other end of the track while we headed over to see what could be done about putting the blaze out.

The two Angelica Firemen raced over with their fire extinguishers towards the spot where the large group of cars were located, while yours truly went over towards car No. 3.

About this time Ray Jordan, driver of car No. 2, bailed out of the right window of his car and slipped and fell into the mass of flames beside his car as shown by the arrow in the lower picture. Then, in panic, he jumped up and raced in our direction with his clothes all ablaze. After shouting at him twice to "Hit the dirt and start rolling", he did that very thing and came to a stop at our feet where yours truly beat the rest of the remaining flames out with his cap.

In a brief interview with Ray Jordan after he had received first aid and was waiting for the am-

bulance to take him to Cuba Hospital, he told us that "it was running thru his mind that he shouldn't be running, but that all he could seem to do was to get over to us for help". He said that when hearing the shouted advice he merely followed directions, and in doing so put out the largest part of his flaming clothes. We feel that he may very well owe his life to his quick response to the shouted orders and the fact that he had heavy coveralls on over other clothes.

According to a report given us Sunday at the Perry Raceway, Ray will be able to be released from the Cuba Hospital in a week to ten days.

The accident happened in the first lap of the feature race for the "Modern Stock" cars and only one car had to be towed from the track. No. 33, driven by "Dick" Flaig, although badly scorched by the flames, was able to continue in the race and finished in the money, while several of the other cars involved were unable to continue.

Editor's Note:—Since no one was hurt seriously and much publicity was given the occurrence, we felt it our obligation to our readers to report the story as we saw it. We felt it was thru the exemplary action of the Firemen in attendance as well as the drivers and Race Track Officials, that nothing serious evolved from the accident so it shouldn't be harmful to the sport, itself, for after all it is just part of the danger involved in auto racing.

Notice To Firemen

All Firemen planning to go to Belmont Saturday August 31st, report to the Fire Hall for Practice, Sunday, August 25th. This is the last practice session. Marie Poe, Asst. Chief

IT'S HERE — Bike Rodeo And Safety Program

Yes this Saturday at 1 p. m. on the parking lot next to the school will be held the Annual Bicycle Rodeo and Safety Program for all youngsters in Andover.

The program will start with registration of all bike riders.

The bikes will then be inspected for brakes and steering apparatus. Police Chief Fred Middaugh will conduct the Safety Program. A course of a rodeo will then be ridden for prizes. The boy or girl scoring the highest number of points will receive a new bicycle, this year donated by the Andover Chamber of Commerce. The other prizes are being donated by Joyce Pipe Line Co., Sunnysdale Daries, and the American Legion and Citizens National Bank.

This worthwhile project is open to all youngsters and their parents are encouraged to attend.

Hospital Notes

Mrs. Charles Slocum was admitted to the Jones Memorial Hospital Saturday as a medical patient.

Landis Kibbe, a surgical patient in the St. James Mercy Hospital returned to his home Saturday.

Mrs. William Lang underwent surgery Wednesday morning at the Roswell Park Memorial Institute in Buffalo.

Mrs. Carl Burch was admitted to the Jones Memorial Hospital Saturday as a surgical patient.

Keep smiling. It makes people wonder what you've been up to.

Richard Steadman

Richard Dale Steadman, of Railroad Ave., died at the Jones Memorial Hospital Friday, August 16, 1963 following a long illness.

A resident of this area most of his life, he was born Sept. 17, 1926 in Whitesville, the son of Gordon and Charlotte Thompson Steadman.

He was employed by the Worthington Corp., in Wellsville and was married March 10, 1953 to Dorothy Wheaton, who survives.

He also is survived by a daughter, Cheryl, at home; and two sisters, Mrs. Marian Tidd and Mrs. Norma Gavin, both of Andover. He was a member of the Methodist Church.

Funeral services were conducted Monday at 2 p. m., at the James B. Mulholland Funeral Home with the Rev. Alfred Gross officiating. Burial was in Hillside Cemetery, Andover.

News That's Print To Fit

Common question on Main St., the last few nights has been—"Where are the Village Board Members since the lights have been out?"

We notice that "Cliff" and his crew have been working like mad the last couple of days up and down different spots on Main St., but think it would have been nice to have been given an official notice or explanation for all Village residents. How about it Mayor Paul suppose it could be arranged next week?

Another thing, which requires very little imagination and could help a lot, would be to ask the downtown merchants to leave their

"Gift For Jack Dixon"

Gifts for Jack Dixon by the Andover Community and its people are now being accepted by a committee of Andover at a friends.

Jack is now at his home in Andover convalescing from surgery performed at Rochester. He has been in the past two months.

Persons interested in taking in a "Gift For Jack" can forward their contributions to Box 162 Andover, N. Y., prior to August 31, 1963 or drop them off at:

Citizens National Bank, Andover
Joyce Pipeline, Andover
Short's Service Station, Andover

Youth Baseball Results

There will be a meeting Thursday evening, August 29th at 7:30 p. m. at the Andover Central School, of all Association Officers, Team Managers and Coaches.

The purpose of this meeting is to discuss any rules or regulation changes that would have been useful this year and which will affect next year's operations. A statement of current financial conditions will be available for discussion at this time.

All Little League and Babe Ruth League players are asked to turn in their uniforms to their team managers before this meeting. It is hoped that all equipment will be accounted for at this time so that it can be stored away in readiness for next year's activities.

Picnic Held

A picnic was held last Saturday evening at Island Park in Wellsville for all Little League & Babe Ruth League players.

Due to heavy rain, attendance was much lower than expected. It had been planned to attend a ball game at Tullar Field after the picnic but the game was rained off.

Little League

The Little League Season came to a close with the Angels garnering the Championship by whipping the Yanks in the last two games. The League results are as follows: Angels 7 wins, 5 losses; Yanks 6 wins, 6 losses; Mets 5 wins, 7 losses.

The batting Champ of the League was Dickie Joyce with a phenomenal average of .625, including 25 hits and 24 runs. He had 6 singles, 15 doubles, 2 triples, and 2 home runs; followed by D. Grant with .555; and Charlie Joyce with .514.

Other averages are: J. Parttridge, .465; R. Barnes, .394; B. Brown, .389; R. Brown, .397; T. Childs, .350; R. Schrader, .329; T. Polmateer, .310; J. DeRemer, .308; D. Stackwick, .306; G. Shellman, .303; D. Billings, .290; D. Barnes, .250; D. Billings, .250; D. Miller, .250; P. Dixon, .214; R. McCormick, .200; S. Phelps, .178; D. Polmateer, .148; J. Smith, .148; G. Stephens, .143; J. Howland, .100; M. Jackson, .095; Rich Godown, .082; J. Dean, .081; T. Wallate, .052; H. Sisson, .042.

This concludes another successful season for the Little League with every one to be complimented that took part and assisted in the program. Please let us look forward to your continued support for the 1964 season less than 11 months away.

front store window lights on all night so that strangers driving thru can see it really isn't a ghost town. (It would also help local residents.)

We saw that "Dick" had an old fashioned candle lantern burning in his window last night as his voluntary contribution to the cause but don't know whether it was for the use of a "Town Crier" like barb or if it was in mourning for the decadence of the Village with its grass growing up between the cracks in the Main St. sidewalk.