

Winter's Problems — For All Of Us! An Editorial

WINTER WOES by Pinson



With the arrival of real honest-to-goodness winter weather with snow and more snow, comes Winter's Problems for Motorists and Pedestrians alike and of course the usual Village Problem of snow removal — both from the Streets and the Sidewalks.

Part of the problem of snow removal and street plowing is trying to navigate the large Village truck and plow around parked cars. This creates quite a hazard both while plowing as well as afterwards because it just about makes one way traffic possible.

With the public's safety in mind, the Village Board has issued a request to motorists to refrain from parking vehicles on the Village Streets between 2 and 7 A. M., to expedite the snow removal job; and have published the Village Ordinance pertaining to the cleaning of sidewalks.

As far as the overnight parking is concerned — it will be inconvenient for a few residents as they will have to either use a neighbor's driveway, garage, or the Village Parking Lot and then walk home every time they use their car. However, if their car is plowed in by the snowplow, it is a lot more work to shovel it out than walk a few extra steps and takes more time.

Of course, as far as the problem of sidewalk shovelling is concerned — it is rightfully the property owners or tenants responsibility — but is sometimes overlooked or forgotten. This neglect can sometimes lead to serious consequences, but we are sure that the people that have been remiss in their obligation haven't thought of what could happen by just not cleaning off — or seeing to it that their walks were clean.

In the first place, pedestrians, which include old people and children, can't wade thru deep snow or travel safely on slippery walks. Thus if there isn't a clean path on at least one side of the street, they are forced to walk in the road. On Chestnut Street or other busy Village Streets, this creates a big hazard for motorists and pedestrians alike.

Often times the Streets are slippery which makes it difficult for the automobile to turn aside or stop quickly and the weather is so cold that the pedestrians are usually all bundled up and can't hear the cars approaching.

We realize that snow removal from sidewalks can be a rather complex problem. Older people have to take it easy when shovelling or else are apt to end up as a casualty from the over exertion and of course many of them just aren't able to shovel at all. There are also a few buildings and lots where there are no tenants and then of course many of us go away for a few days during the winter months.

However, more than likely, these property owners could make a deal with some of the young men in High School who are desirous of earning extra spending money to take care of their walks after every snow fall.

We feel confident that if the townspeople are aware of this situation that they will co-operate and not make it necessary for the Village Board or Police Force to take any drastic measures.

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Turning Back The Pages of Andover History
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50 YEARS AGO
Dec. 12, 1913

J. H. Backus, Publisher
John Dodge was elected Master of Andover Grange last Wednesday night.

S. B. Crandall is home from Washington, D. C., for the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. John DeRemer are the parents of a daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Cable are the parents of a son, born Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Brundage are Buffalo visitors.

Mrs. Estella Richardson accompanied by her granddaughter, Miss Helen Richardson of Hornell, returned today from a two-months visit at the home of her brother, A. B. Lewis of Los Angeles, California.

40 YEARS AGO
Dec. 6, 1923

J. H. Backus & Son, Publishers
Kenneth Haber Watson, 8, son of Mr. and Mrs. Huber Watson, died November 29th at the Children's Hospital in Buffalo.

Wilson Conley, 58, died November 29. Surviving are two brothers.

Miss Mary Baker and Albert N. Dennison of North Hornell were united in marriage Thanksgiving Day. Mrs. Dennison is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Baker of Andover.

Gerald Hann and Wallace Cummings attended the Older Boys Council at Syracuse from November 29th to December 2nd.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Inskip and children of Kenmore were from Wednesday until Friday visitors of Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Thorne.

Rev. Walter L. Greene was in Rochester Monday in attendance at a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Summer School of Religious Education at Silver Lake.

30 YEARS AGO
Dec. 8, 1933

J. H. Backus & Son, Publishers
Charles J. Cartwright, 47, died suddenly Sunday night. Surviving are two sisters, one brother, a half-brother, and a half-sister.

Mrs. Mila Pingrey, 76, died in her sleep, Dec. 7th. Several cousins survive.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Reisman of Elm Valley are the parents of a son, born November 27th.

Mr. and Mrs. Winifred Jones were week-end guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Cummings of Pike.

Supt. W. G. Pope is attending the Annual Convention of District School Superintendents at Rochester this week.

Linford Horton returned Wednesday to Rider College after passing the Thanksgiving vacation with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Horton.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Burgett and family and Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Higby were Thanksgiving guests at the home of their sister, Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Egerton of Perry.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Bixby spent Thanksgiving at the home of their son, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Bixby of Towanda, Pa.

Mrs. E. J. Atwood left Tuesday for New York City and Boston, Mass., where she will visit relatives.

THE GRASSROOTS OPINION

Port Gibson, Miss., Reveille: — "One news item — showed that common sense won over a bunch of sociologists, when the House of Representatives voted overwhelmingly to allow teachers in the District of Columbia schools to spank unruly pupils. Probably this should come under the heading of a 'Progress Report'."

Letter To The Editor

"Sonderstrom, Greenland"
22 November 1963

Hi Everybody,
Just a few lines to let you know I've been thinking about you all. I believe that I have lost communication with Andover. Have not received The Andover News for two or three weeks. Would appreciate it if you would see what has happened to my subscription to The Andover News. I always look forward to reading the News from Andover, but feel lost when I'm unable to do so. The weather here is much colder than when I arrived here. Yesterday, the temperature was down to 18 degrees below zero. Today, it is up to one degree above zero. The days are getting much shorter here too.

The sun rises about 9:30 A. M., and sets around 2:30 P. M. Another month, and we'll have about two hours of daylight. Our working hours are still the same tho.

Hope that this finds all of you in good spirits and health. I remain fine. Have a good Thanksgiving, and send The Andover News. This is short, but will write again.

Sincere Wishes To All,
A/C Eldon L. Kaple

Editor's Note:
The Andover News has been mailed each week to you, but perhaps they are giving priority to 1st Class Letters and are waiting to send in a dog sled with papers and that class mail.

Perhaps it would be wise to inquire through your APO why hometown newspapers are being delayed.

Sonderstrom AFB, Greenland
5 December 1963

Hi Everyone,
A short while ago I sent a letter to your office, stating that I wasn't receiving the Andover News up here. I feel that I must correct that statement. Shortly after I had sent you that letter, The Andover News started coming in thru the mail. I am now receiving all the papers, and enjoying the pleasure of reading them. The way the mail comes in up here, I usually receive two or three papers at one time. So after a period of waiting for them, I have a jolly time of reading them over. I hope all of you had your fill of turkey for Thanksgiving, or whatever the course for dinner maybe.

We have been having pretty mild weather here. It remains cold, but outside of that we can't complain. We only have about two inches of snow at the present time. Between Greenland and the States, the weather has been bad at times. This tends to delay the Aircraft coming in and going out from the States. How is your weather at home? There is very little news to write about from here. Each day that passes by, is no different than any other day, when you are stationed this far North. We all know that Christmas is just around the corner. Many of the fellows from here, will be home for the holidays. I haven't been here long enough to make it home for the holidays, so I'll wish each and everyone of you a Very Merry Christmas, and a Joyful Happy New Year also. I'll be thinking of all of you, no matter how far we may be. God Bless You All.

Best Regards To All,
Eldon L. Kaple

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