



Reverend Gross making the regular Sunday Announcements while concluding his eight year ministry service in Andover
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Village Loses Popular Pastor

Rev. Alfred J. Gross, Ph.D., Pastor of the Methodist Church here in Andover for the past eight years preached his last sermon Sunday before leaving for his new Pastorate in Buffalo.

In a personal interview with Dr. Gross Sunday he told us: "The past eight years have been most enjoyable and life in a 'small town' such as Andover may have its limitations as many remind us, but let us not forget the many advantages as well.

We know that with the anticipated population explosion in the future, America will be more and more urbanized, that is, about 70% of the people will be living in the cities and the suburbs.

Yet living in the rural areas today does not mean that we are shut off from the rest of the world. Modern transportation, better cars and roads give us all the needed advantages plus the fact that we live in a town with fresh air—no smog problem—fresh water and more spacious living.

It has been a pleasure to see the town meet the challenge of change. It is a time of rapid social change everywhere, and through the many organizations in town I feel Andover is making itself attractive. The new road and bridge, the attractive Centralized School, and its grounds, the Little League Ball Park, and the local Grange with their building on East Greenwood St., have added to the Village facilities.

I believe the many organizations of the town are civic-minded and Andover can catch the eye of the tourist. The Chamber of Commerce is able to explore and discuss possibilities of town concern. After all, it is the Community Spirit that adds meaning to our lives.

The Andover Methodist Church has been most cordial. The membership and the official board have been most co-operative and we shall not forget the many expressions of appreciation and friendship.

The parsonage has been one of the most comfortable we have lived in. The many improvements in the Church have made it most worshipful. The teachers and officers of the Sunday School have diligently and freely given their time in instruction. It indeed has been a pleasure to be pastor of such a Church.

Among the diplomas on the wall hangs a brown tone parchment—a certificate dated July 14, 1864. It was certifying that Henry Gross was entitled to all rights and privileges having served in the Fire Department of Buffalo when Buffalo had a volunteer Fire Department. It is signed by Wm. F. Fargo—recalling the days of the Wells Fargo Express. This was my grandfather, my father too, having been born and brought up in Buffalo—so Buffalo is really not a strange place to me, especially since serving from 1942-1948 as Pastor of Kensington Methodist Church there.

University Church, my new Pastorate, is on Bailey and Minnesota near the University of Buffalo and the Veterans Hospital. We will welcome any and all of our Andover friends who may visit Buffalo.

We, speaking Editorially, have enjoyed Rev. Gross and his family during their stay in Andover and feel a deep regret that they are called away to wider horizons. We are sure that he will be greatly missed and hope that some day he will be able to return and spend the rest of his days in our midst.

Masonic Notice

The Stated Communication of Andover Lodge No. 558 F.&A.M., will be held Monday, March 2nd at 8 p. m. A Quiz Program on Masonry will be held at this meeting under the direction of Brothers Fay Boyd, Everett Clair and Wayne Carter. Come out and have an enjoyable evening. Refreshments. All Master Masons welcome.

Local Tot Burned by Hot Grease

Angela Hugar, three-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Albert F. Hugar of 476 S. Main St., Wellsville, proprietors of the "Sugar Shack" here in Andover, is in serious condition at the Strong Memorial Hospital, Rochester, with second and third degree burns sustained Tuesday night, February 11th.

The small youngster was burned on the arms, ribs, back and legs when she tipped a French Fryer containing hot grease on herself. Angela was behind the counter at the Sugar Shack, operated by her parents, at the time of the accident.

Her mother reportedly saw her secure a stool and begin climbing towards the French Fryer, but was unable to reach her before the child tipped it over.

She was taken to the Jones Memorial Hospital in Wellsville and immediately transferred to Strong Memorial Hospital, Rochester, where she is facing a minimum of eight to ten weeks treatment at the burn center there.

Scout News

The Annual Blue & Gold Cub Scout Banquet will be held at the Masonic Temple at 6:00 p. m. tonight, Feb. 27. All Cub Scouts and their parents are invited to attend. Each family should furnish their own table service, rolls and milk.

There will be a Training Conference for all Commissioners of the Steuben Area Council, Boy Scouts of America on this coming Sunday afternoon, March 1, at the Alfred Campus Center.

During the seven hour long conference film strips on "The Neighborhood Commissioner", "The Institutional Representative", and "Troop Budget Plan" will be shown with discussions held after each film.

The program which begins at 6:00 p. m. will conclude with an evening dinner at the Alfred Campus Center Cafeteria and then continue on into the evening.

Scouters and Commissioners from the Seneca Council in Olean are also being invited to attend this annual training conference. Commissioners and those interested from this council will be coming from Andover, Wellsville, Cuba and other communities of Western Allegany County.

Farewell Gathering Well Attended

Approximately 125 members and friends attended a Farewell gathering honoring Dr. and Mrs. Alfred Gross at the Methodist Church Parlors Sunday, February 23rd from 3 to 5 o'clock.

The table was centered with an arrangement of red and white flowers, white tapers in crystal holders and silver-tea and coffee service.

Mrs. Grace Burger and Mrs. Bessie Mulconery presided at the tea table.

Remarks were given by Rev. Willis V. Poole of the First Presbyterian Church and Dr. Gross, who will take over his duties in the University Methodist Church in Buffalo, Sunday, March 1st.

Dr. and Mrs. Gross were presented gifts from the members of the Methodist Church and Youth Group.

The committee in charge of the arrangements was Mrs. Ralph Burgett, chairman, assisted by Mrs. Robert Common, Mrs. Clyde Yorton, Mrs. Harold Huffcut and Mrs. Walter Gath.

Andover Rod & Gun Club To Hold Fox Hunt

The Andover Rod & Gun Club will hold a Fox Hunt, Sunday, March 8th. Anyone wishing to participate in this Fox Hunt be at the Andover Rod & Gun Clubhouse at 9 A. M. Sunday, March 8th. If you have a Foxhound please bring it along.

News That's Print To Fit

Boy, has the "frost ever been on the pumpkin" the last few mornings. The "old shiner" may warm things up during the day but as soon as it gets dark the thermometer starts acting like a "yo-yo".

Low temperatures recorded at the Andover Pump Station recently have been: Sat., -10; Sun., -13; Mon., -12; Tues., 22 above—a regular heat wave, with snow of course; Wed., 3 above and this morning 3 above.

Did someone say "Spring is just around the corner"?

Even the brief flurry of excitement at the Republican Caucus when a 'non-conformist' was nominated, failed to raise the temperature outdoors Saturday evening.

You've got to give "Dick" credit for being a man of his convictions even though he didn't win the nomination for Village Trustee at the Caucus. In the past, when he has had a grievance, he has presented his cause at a Village Board Meeting, and after not receiving any satisfaction, was willing to do something about it by tossing his hat in the political ring in an effort to put a "Main St. Businessman" on the Board.

"Hindsight" of course is always better than "Foresight", but if "Dick" had voted for himself and taken only 13 of his relatives and friends along he would have emerged the victor—which certainly wouldn't have been difficult judging from the comments from dissatisfied voters.

We suppose that there will be some bruised feelings resulting from this, but when everything is kept a dark secret ahead of time and the average voter can't find out ahead of time who the candidates are going to be, this is bound to be the result.

Back to the weather—perhaps Tuesday night's heat wave was helped by the heated discussion that took place on Main St., after the driver of a Pa. licensed pickup truck was issued a parking summons for parking with his car headed in the wrong direction (driver's side of the truck to the curb) as well as being between a No Parking Sign and the corner.

After being hunted up by the local Police Force, as is the usual practice for out-of-state vehicles, he first tried to offer a nominal sum if the summons wasn't issued—and when that went over like a lead balloon, next tried to mutter a few threats.

According to reports, by this time Fred's patience was worn a little thin and as the air turned blue on the scene, the offender decided he really didn't mean anything by his insinuations and meekly posted the necessary bail.

While on the subject of vehicles and traffic reminds us that "Rosie" sure picked out a rather unique way of stopping the other day and could have picked out a much better bus number than that one—by all means, to lean on. Luckily, some people are understanding when the road conditions are bad, so outside of maybe losing her allowance for a month to take care of the cream in the tin—no harm was done.

By the way, it is really surprising to see some of the U turns made on Main St., and the manner they are made. The driver of one Dry Cleaning Truck will look both ways—as if to see if there are any cars coming—or if the Police Force is around—and then very quickly wheels right around and heads in the other direction.

Then just yesterday we saw "Fran" wheel his (station wagon is it?) around at the junction of Main and Dyke.

We thought that the Village Ordinance reads that no U turns will be made anywhere on Main.

When figuring on the cheap initial cost of a service it might be wise to figure what the yearly cost will amount to. Let's see 12x\$3.50 equals \$42.00 yearly,

Republican Caucus

Minutes of Republican Caucus held at the Andover Central School Auditorium on Saturday, February 22nd, 1964 at 8:00 p.m.

Meeting called to order by Robert A. Baker, Chairman of the Republican Village Committee. The purpose of the caucus was read which was to nominate 2 trustees for the Village of Andover, and for the transaction of such other business as may be legally brought before the caucus.

The Chairman, Robert A. Baker, announced that the first order of business was to choose a chairman, and Charles Ruger nominated James Kessler to act as chairman, which was seconded by Paul Kilbane. Carried unanimously and James H. Kessler was duly elected chairman.

The Chairman then called for nominations for Clerk, and Hazel Burgett nominated Teresa McAndrew which was seconded by Doris Church. Carried unanimously and Teresa McAndrew was duly elected Clerk.

The Chairman on motion appointed George Sackett and Roger Tuttle as Tellers.

The Chairman then asked for nominations for Trustee to succeed Carlyle Myers. Thereupon Howard E. McAndrew nominated Robert A. Baker as Trustee on the Republican ticket, seconded by Charles Ruger, and Ralph Allen nominated Richard Wittie as Trustee on the Republican ticket, seconded by Orman Osgood. The Chairman then called for a ballot, which resulted as follows: 19 votes for Robert A. Baker, 6 for Richard Wittie, and 3 for Merle Dibble. The Chairman thereupon declared Robert A. Baker duly elected as the Republican candidate for Trustee.

The Chairman then asked for nominations for Trustee to succeed Hugh Barlow. Thereupon Richard Wittie nominated Merle Dibble as Trustee on the Republican ticket, second by Harry F. Joyce. There being no further nomination, motion made by Reginald J. Sotheran that the nominations be closed and that the Clerk be instructed to cast one ballot for Merle Dibble as Trustee on the Republican ticket. Seconded by Harry F. Joyce. Carried unanimously. The clerk then cast one ballot for Merle Dibble for Trustee on the Republican ticket. Thereupon Merle Dibble was duly elected as Republican candidate for Trustee.

The Chairman asked for nominations for Village Republican Committee. Motion made by Reginald J. Sotheran and seconded by Harry F. Joyce that the Republican Village Committee be Paul E. Kilbane, Howard E. McAndrew and Charles Ruger. Carried unanimously.

The Chairman asked for nominations for committee to fill vacancies. Motion made by Reginald J. Sotheran and seconded by Hugh Barlow that the committee to fill vacancies be James Kessler, Wendell Vars and Alan Tuttle. Carried unanimously.

On motion duly made and seconded the meeting was adjourned. Carried unanimously.

Legion Auxiliary Notice

The regular meeting of the Lynch-Burgett American Legion Auxiliary will be held Monday, March 2nd at 8:00 p. m., with Mrs. Teresa McAndrew, President presiding.

Mrs. Janet Williams, Mrs. Hilda Vars and Mrs. Lulu Emery are in charge of refreshments.

The Annual Legion Birthday Dinner will be observed Saturday, March 7th at 6:30 o'clock. Members of each organization, their wives and husbands are invited to attend.

Please have reservations in by Monday, March 2nd. Call Hazel Burgett 478-3274 or Teresa McAndrew 478-4175.

and what assurance is there that when a monopoly is reached, it won't go to \$4 or more monthly.