

OFFICIALLY—SPRING IS ALMOST HERE

An Editorial

"If Winter comes, can Spring be far behind?" Those famous lines were written by Shelley long ago, in his "Ode to the West Wind". (Which we used to study in School.) They are found in just about every anthology of poetry, and with good reason. The rigors of Winter bring a longing for a mild and blossoming season. And of course, Spring is a symbol of renewed life. Every bush, every shrub, every tree, every flower starts in toward its maturity. It is the most gladsome of all the seasons.

And it is more than that. It is a time for the healthiest, most pleasurable (?) of tasks. The grass must be mowed. The roses must be sprayed. The shrubbery must be pruned and tended. There are all manner of duties that need looking after about the house and the grounds. (Windows need washing, screens need painting, a clean-up, paint-up, fix-up campaign is needed.)

They may be hard, for a time, on unused muscles, but they leave a lasting sense of accomplishment in their wake.

Then, spring vacations call to many of us. It is a splendid time to see new country—by train, car, plane—any means of conveyance. We broaden our horizons, and we add new dimensions to our minds.

Officially, Spring will be with us on March 20—as always a most welcome guest! Let's hope that it will bring an end to this cold weather and snow!

SAME OLD SCARE—"MEDICARE"—An Editorial

The Medicare proposal—which would provide certain medical services for everyone drawing social security payments, whether or not they needed or wanted them—is not dead!

The first bill was called "Health Care for the Aged". Its successor bears the title "The Hospital Act of 1965". It may be that proponents think that the new name is a more palatable one. In any case, it differs only in relatively minor detail from its predecessor—and the principle it represents is unchanged.

And of course—so are the objections! Potent—thought-provoking objections—to that principle. These fall into three main categories. One is that government control of health and medical care would increase costs and lower quality. Another is that unpredictable costs arising as the program expanded, could eventually threaten the solvency of the present social security cash benefits system. And the third is that the use of a social security program for hospital care of elderly people could be the opening wedge in the establishment of compulsory government medicine for all, with its attendant bureaucracy, red tape and a decline in standards.

Medicare, in the words of Dr. Edward R. Annis, President of the American Medical Association, would promote "mass-production, assembly-line procedures in which quantity takes precedence over quality—and both suffer".

Furthermore—even though the hard cold fact that the Federal Government has no money except what it gets from the people in taxes, has been hammered home again and again and again, proponents of the Medicare compulsory health program are studiously ignoring it. How else can you explain their insistence on enactment of legislation that would cost \$35 billion to treat the aged already eligible for the rest of their lives, as the American Medical Association has testified?

We feel "Medicare" should be rejected to protect patients from "assembly-line" Medical Care!

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Olean Speedway Set For Opening On April 25th

The Olean Speedway, silent for the past three years, is well under way in their re-modeling program in preparation for their April 25th opening.

Charles Ivory, a former Middletown, N. Y., man, now of 312 North 3rd St., Olean, has leased the former Olean Raceway for a period of 10 years to bring auto racing into this area.

Mr. Ivory, who has been connected with stock-car racing as a car owner for the past 10 years, said the remodeling program includes the resurfacing of the track with an oil, calcium and clay base which will prevent dust.

The third of a mile oval also will be banked another three feet on the turns. A three foot guard rail type fence is also being planned to separate the track from the stands.

The stands have been increased to accommodate 4,000 spectators and a new public address system has been installed to eliminate blare and bounce-back. A complete new lighting system has been installed, with the concession stands being completely redecorated.

Races will be run Saturday nights with six elimination races per night with a 30-lap feature included. Mr. Ivory also announced that a 75-lap mid-season race, with a 100-lap end-of-season race, is also being planned.

The races will consist of Super "B" Modifieds and Amateurs with 103 drivers, owners and mechanics already having applied for their track licenses.

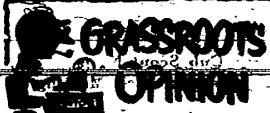
According to Mr. Ivory in a personal interview with him over this past week-end, some of the Area top-notch drivers have already indicated that they are building up their cars to drive at the Olean Speedway.

Some of these drivers include the two high point men "Cag" Norton and "Don" Daniels as well as well known "Bud" Perkins from Belmont area. "Don" as we recall is still driving No. 25 that was built by one of our local racing enthusiasts, Fred Miles.

In the Super "B" Modified Class engines are limited to 270 cu. in., displacement with .020 tolerance on diameter permitted. Carburetion is restricted to 4-barrels with any combination allowed. Any valve-in-block or valve-in-head engine, other than an overhead valve V-type engine may be used providing they comply with the cu. in. limitation.

In the amateur division class, all American made stock cars from 1935 and up can be used. The engines are limited to valve-in-block V or straight 8 cylinders, or valve-in-head or valve-in-block straight 6 cylinders. Any amateur car is subject to the sale price of \$225 after the evenings races are completed, excluding tires, battery and safety belt.

A complete copy of the rules and regulations are on hand at the News Office if anyone should want to look them over.



Alma, Mich., Record: "As it was in the beginning—Masses of people can't do the job. It takes individuals. Individuals who are willing to sacrifice, who are willing to assume responsibility, who are willing to dedicate themselves, yes, who are willing to risk capital and criticism to build something which will open up new avenues of opportunity for progress now and in the future. This is where you and I must come in!"

St. Albans, Vt., Messenger: "The Soviet attitude toward the shooting down of an unarmed U. S. Air Force jet trainer in East Germany, with the loss of three lives, shows that the Soviet rulers do not share out fear of 'international incidents'. The arrogant Soviet response to American protests against the cowardly attack shows also that the Kramlin rather relishes playing the role of bully."

Turning Back The Pages of Andover History

(Taken from the Files of The Andover News)

50 YEARS AGO

March 27, 1914

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Mrs. Daniel C. Grano, 60, died at their home in Andover, Friday morning, March 20. Her husband and two sons survive.

James Mulcahy is clerking in Cannon Bros. Store. M. T. Garvin and C. E. Burdick are Grand Jurors and Daniel Sheehan, David Hunt and John Deming, Trial Jurors for the April Term of Supreme Court.

A. M. Minguo has sold his cheese making outfit to Mr. Cook of Greenwood, who has removed it to that place.

Mrs. C. A. Robinson is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Watson of West Almond.

Mrs. Whipple of Allentown is the guest of her sister, Mrs. Sarah Burbank.

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Martin of Stuebenville, Ohio, have been visiting his mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Bess, this week.

40 YEARS AGO

March 14, 1924

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Mr. and Mrs. Earl Howland are the parents of a son born March 7th.

The Village Board has appointed E. A. Mullen, Police Court Justice, to succeed Grant Sherwood who has resigned.

Mrs. Helen Johnson will represent Andover Rebekah Lodge as delegate to the New York State Rebekah Assembly at Geneva, May 19th - 21st.

James Lloyd of Fort Atkinson, Wis., is in Andover erecting a sawmill in conjunction and ice making plant for John Karsonek at the Sugar Bowl.

John P. Draw and Mrs. James Dean in company with Mr. and Mrs. M. T. Garvin attended the funeral of their Aunt, Mrs. Ellen Conwell at Bradford Monday. Mrs. P. A. Dean, who was called to Bradford last week by the illness of her sister, returned home with them.

Farmers are tapping their sugar bushes. Two good sap runs have already been reported.

Elery Updyke died suddenly at his farm home East of the Village March 16th. Four sisters and three brothers survive.

O. L. Rogers was in Wellville Saturday purchasing supplies for the Dryden Hill Cheese Factory.

Mrs. Agnes Head of Galeton, Pa., returned home Tuesday after a few days visit at the home of her sister, Mrs. W. A. Youmans and other relatives.

30 YEARS AGO

March 9, 1934

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Miss Anna O'Leary was stricken seriously ill at the O'Leary home on Dyke Street Saturday night.

Miss Neva Coleman of Andover and Herbert Bova of Duke Center, Pa., were married Thursday, March 1st, at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Coleman.

Father C. A. Silke, well known in this area, has been transferred from the Roxville parish to Rochester where he will be chaplain at the home for the aged on Lake Avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. A. O. Kemp and Miss Marion Swartz were in Bel-

Albany Report

By Barbara B. Conroy, Jr. State Senator, 53rd District

We have just completed our annual, intricate ritual in which the members of the Legislature without real responsibility have told us in high sounding phrases how wonderful the world would be if there were a minimum wage of \$1.50 an hour established by law.

The members of the Legislature who do have to take the responsibility for what they do—that is, the majority—have listened sympathetically, agreed ideologically and said "yes" realistically.

There was no "yes" on the floor, but since the legislators were filled with demonstrators from New York City, a motion was made to refer from committee a \$1.50 minimum wage measure bottled up there. The measure, incidentally, also would raise the minimum to \$1.75 next year and \$2 in 1966.

Now, nobody can deny that this would be a fine thing. It is tough to try to run a home and raise a family on a job that pays less than \$1.50 an hour. But the assumption that passage of such a bill would automatically raise all wages to that level is pretty naive. The only logical conclusion, in fact, is exactly the opposite. A good many thousand people would be put out of work, when our unemployment levels are already tragically high.

Labor is not a commodity. We have long since passed the stage where it could be considered so. But it does possess some of the characteristics of a commodity, and it has a major impact on the cost of goods the public buys. One of the greatest impacts is in retail trade.

Out of 327,000 persons employed in retail trade in New York State, an estimated 40 per cent receive less than \$1.50 an hour. Many of these people work in small, family-operated businesses. Many of their jobs would be absorbed by their employers under an unrealistic wage situation. Instead of getting a 25-cent an hour raise, they'd lose their jobs.

Our society is a competitive one. Employers do what they have to do to compete, or they cease to be employers. They furnish jobs incident to successful competition. When the costs of a manufacturer or a distributor increase, he tries to minimize the impact on the price he has to charge to make a profit. So if the increase is in the cost of labor, he tries to save money by reducing his labor force through automation or efficiency or by doing more of the work himself.

The State's minimum wage, scheduled to go to \$1.25 in October, must at all times be consistent with a strong competitive position for those who employ our citizens. To go beyond such a position would be to encourage unemployment by driving business to areas where the minimum wage is competitive.

Most Sunday to call on Mrs. Frank Martin, who is recovering from an attack of pneumonia.

Mr. and Mrs. John Dodge and son, Harold, Mrs. H. S. Thorne, Mrs. Dewey Northrup and Ames Rogers attended Pomona Grange in Cuba, Thursday.

Mrs. Richard Harder attended the Elmira College Club luncheon given by Mrs. A. D. Wilcox of Hornell, Saturday

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