

VANDALISM—HERE AT HOME! An Editorial

It seems as if no matter how much grown-ups try to give the young people a chance to have some good clean type of enjoyment locally, there are always a few that come along and ruin it for the whole gang.

This past Saturday night, either during or after the dance that was held at the theatre after the show, vandals cut loose with some of their perverted humor that was neither funny or amusing to the decent students or to the people that were the victims.

These candidates that are heading towards full-fledged juvenile delinquents, used a spray can of blue paint to decorate (?) the back door of Hunt's Barber Shop as well as the back doors of the School Bus Garage and then proceeded to ruin the new top on a convertible parked along the street. In addition to this, air was let out of the tires of cars that were parked out in the Village Parking Lot and the radio antenna on one car was completely broken off.

Whenever we read a daily newspaper it seems that somewhere in its columns we come across a story relating to damage done to a church, cemetery, some building either public or private, or else to a car or some other type of vehicle.

However, we think as we read the account of the incident that this happens only in the City—or the next town—but not here. Then when a local motorist goes out to get in his car and finds the antenna broken off or the air let out of his tires or his new car top ruined, it is suddenly brought home with a bang that it can also happen here.

The monetary loss involved in these acts may not be so great as to cause any real hardship but the thing that rankles us, as well as a good many others, is that some people can find nothing better to do with their time than to destroy the property of others.

Recently in the Hornell Evening Tribune the Editor commented on vandalism there and said "What with continuing acts of vandalism and growing public concern over such goings on, it's about time Hornell took strong steps to combat the problem before it gets completely out of hand."

This is the situation in a nutshell! Unless these smaller acts are stopped cold—it is very apt to lead to bigger and bigger things until real damage is done to life, limb or property of local residents.

Below these comments we are publishing an Editorial and advice that struck us as having a great deal of common sense and is worthy of repeating.

GROW UP AND GO HOME! An Editorial

Some mighty practical advice to teenagers was voiced recently by Judge Phillip G. Gilliam of Denver, Colo. And what he said might help a lot of us adults do a better job of living, too. Here it is:

Always we hear the plaintive cry of the teenager: "What can we do? Where can we go?" The answer is, GO HOME!

Hang the storm windows, paint the woodwork, rake the leaves, mow the lawn, shovel the walk, wash the car, learn to cook or sew, scrub the floors, repair the sink, weed the garden, build a boat, get a job.

Help the minister, bishop, priest, or rabbi, the Red Cross, the Salvation Army, visit the sick, assist the poor, study your lessons. And when you are through—and not too tired—read a book.

Your parents do not owe you entertainment. Your city or village does not owe you a living. You owe it your time and energy and your talents so no one will be at war, in poverty, or lonely again.

In plain simple words — GROW UP; quit being a crybaby. Get out of your dream world and develop a backbone, not a wishbone, and start acting like a man or a lady.

You're supposed to be mature enough to accept some of the responsibilities your parents have carried for years. They have nursed, protected, helped, appealed, begged, excused, tolerated, and denied themselves needed comforts so that you could have every benefit.

In Heaven's Name — Grow Up And Go Home!

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"Red's" Racetrack Rambles

Hello again all you avid racing fans. It's time again for another peek from the infield at the races over the week-end.

Friday Night at Angelica, Moe Kessler really cleaned house with his '57 Chevy that he bought last week at Perry just before the feature race. Moe won the 1st heat, placed second in the 2nd Semi and then came back to win the feature.

In the Amateur Feature, Bob Metcalf from Cuba, driving No. 2, put on a great display of nice driving to hold the lead until he was forced into an overturned car on No. 4 turn and rolled over with just one lap to go in the race. Since he was the lead car and his car was unable to continue the race, he was declared the winner. Incidentally, Bob is part of Ray Jordan's racing crew and this was the first amateur feature he had driven in.

The Disc Jockey race was rather a fiasco for although five Disc Jockeys from Hornell and Wellsville were on hand to race, evidently no prior planning had been made to arrange for cars for them to drive. Finally after several trips to the pits, five of the Amateur Drivers very nobly loaned their mounts to the D. J.'s that were complete strangers to most of them.

John Clayton, No. 2 from Cuba; Howie Slocum, No. 4X from A-lentown; Bob Laird, No. 240 from Sardinia; John Stenson, No. 98 from Pavilion; and Jim Richmond, No. 5 from Wellsville; loaned their cars for this race and then checked the Disc Jockeys out in them. In our estimation these boys really showed great sportsmanship in doing this, for after all, these cars are their pride and joy even if they are in the claimer car division.

Announcer Larry Dye easily won the race since he is an old hand at the racing game and he taken out his share of the fences in his past driving experiences.

In the first Amateur Heat: Bill Tingue, No. 26, won; while Bobby Laird, No. 240, took the 2nd heat, and Johnny Kollander, No. T-1, took the "Consy"; with Bob Metcalf driving No. 2, winning the feature.

In the Modern Division: Moe Kessler driving his No. 41 took the first heat; Eddie Anchor, No. 55, won the 2nd heat; Dick Flaig, No. 33, got back in the winning circle, taking the 1st Semi; Irv Hall, No. 300, took the 2nd Semi; and Moe Kessler, No. 41, captured the "Chekher" in the feature.

IN OLEAN, at the OLEAN SPEEDWAY, Saturday night; Jim Hakes, No. 37, a local boy, made his debut by winning the Modern Stock Feature in a thrilling action packed race. Don Won, the pre-race favorite, in his well-known No. 203, was really burning up the track until he got boxed in on the No. 3 turn with a three-car accident and lost many precious seconds getting his car untangled from the other two. Don then put on a blazing exhibition of speed for many laps and finally caught up with Hakes on the No. 1 turn only to spin out after passing him and damaged his car so that Jim was able to romp on home to catch the winner's flag.

The crowd really loved this race and according to Chuck Ivory, track promoter, modern stocks are here to stay!

Jackie Soper from Elmira, driving No. 2, the Gil Frisbie Special, drove a beautiful race, nosing out Bill Terrisi, No. 3, for the checkered flag after Bill Brainard, driving No. 18, the "Doc" Hecton Special, who had led the race for many laps, blew up his engine with just a few laps to go.

Brainard had won the two previous features at Olean as well as several at North Collins Speedway, and from the way it looked to us, was well on his way to setting a new track record when misfortune overtook him.

Fran Pezzimenti in No. 1, the Hale Special, was back again after a 3-week forced lay-off due to a badly injured foot which he suffered in his last crackup at the Olean Speedway. However, this didn't seem to slow him down any as he won a special match race

against Soper and Terrisi which seemed to give him a good chance in the feature until he developed engine trouble.

The evening program's biggest thrill came when Olean's Phil Mott, trying out his Henry J., powered by a Ford Thunderbird Engine, in the "Consy," lost control between the No. 3 and No. 4 turn, rolled over—and over—and then kept spinning like a top until finally coming to rest on its wheels after it was almost completely demolished.

In the Sportsman's Class: Cory Hallmark, No. 00, won the 1st heat with Ted Becker, No. B1, taking the "Consy."

In the Moderns: Don Wood, No. 203, won the 1st heat; Jim Hakes/No. 37, took the Consy, and then came back to win the feature.

In the Super "B" Modified Class: Jackie Soper, No. 2, took the 1st heat; Bill Brainard, No. 18, captured the 2nd Heat; and then Soper came back to win the feature. In the Special Match Race, Pezzimenti took first, Soper came in second and Bill Terrise, No. 3, was third.

This coming week the local fans are promised a truly spectacular demolition derby, with a field of 100 cars to be ground into mangled tin in 5 different stages. What kind of a car do you think will enable the driver to win the title of "Demolition King of the Year"?

At Perry Raceway on Sunday yours truly was the butt of many jokes when appearing on this hot day dressed in Army Sun-Tan shorts and shirt with his own version of comfortable boots. Despite the jests of Announcer Larry (never-say-die), we proceeded with the business on hand, namely, to take pictures—not to lead the Boy Scouts into the battle of "Cooks-Moonga"! (Incidentally we haven't forgotten what Larry looked like in shorts last year—Wow! and we even still have that picture on file).

Enaway there was plenty of excitement from the beginning of the program to the end—what with the appearance of Billy Rafter driving No. 33, up thru the discussion about "Pet's" condensation run with that bug-killer (Black Flag) and then ending up with the "fire-works display." Of course on a hot day like this, engines run hot, enthusiasm and competition run high and so do the drivers—it's all part of the racing game—somebody always loses somebody always wins!

In the Amateur Class: John Menz, No. 3X, from Wayland, won the 1st heat; John Kollander, No. TL, took the 2nd heat; Bill Tingue, No. 26X, won the 3rd heat; with Ron Williams, R1, taking the "Consy"; and Menz in No. X, coming back to win the feature.

In the Super Sport Class: our old friend Marty Lewis, No. 90, from Orchard Park, had a perfect day, winning the second heat as well as the feature, while Bill Crane, No. 189, from Hornell, took the first heat.

In the Moderns Corky Hewitt, No. 2T, took the 1st heat; Art Clark, No. 7, back with his car after having it on the shelf with motor trouble, won the 2nd heat and led for quite a time in the feature until sliding wide in the 3rd and 4th turns, was overtaken by Billy Rafter driving No. 33, who then won the race in a breeze.

With the beautiful weather on tap for Sunday's races, the boys at Perry really packed them in so it looks as if they might have to add more seats for the 2nd time this year.

In other action, at the Sportsman's Raceway in nearby Ulysses, Pa., on Saturday evening many spectators turned out to view the excitement created by their new figure 8 track.

Phil Pipe, from Corning, put up a great battle for first place in the Novice Feature against Bud Williams from Woodhull, who came in with a close second; with Claude Snyder from Coudersport, Pa., taking third.

For the B-Modified Division, Billy Layfield from Wellsville, took 1st place; Sonny Hanes from Galeton, 2nd; and Ron Edgerton from Naples took 3rd.

This week's special attraction will be the "Powder Puff" derby where you will see those crazy

Turning Back The Pages of Andover History

(Taken from the Files of The Andover News)

50 YEARS AGO

June 19, 1914

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E. L. Langworthy and Miss Edna Cooper of Hornell were married Wednesday.

A heavy white frost Wednesday morning, but little damage is reported.

John Casey, Jr. of New York was the guest of his parents, Tuesday night.

Mrs. Lottie Hann was in Alfred Thursday in attendance at the Past Grand Association of the Rebekah Lodge.

Mr. and Mrs. Alvin A. Daming of Buffalo are visiting his sister, Mrs. Mont Crance this week.

Walter Lamphier left Monday night for a visit at the home of his daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Carpenter of Salem, W. Va.

Mrs. Grace Wagner attended the Wagner reunion at Ulysses, Pa., Tuesday.

Mrs. C. M. Lash and children are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Maehmer of Collins Center, N. Y.

40 YEARS AGO

June 6, 1924

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Floyd L. Hann and Clara M. Caple were united in marriage May 29th at the Methodist Parsonage in Wellsville.

Mrs. Sarah Davis, former resident of Andover, died last week at Himrod, N. Y.

Miss Mary Hinchey of Elm Valley is spending a few days with her aunt, Mrs. U. V. Stratton in Andover.

Harry Joyce went to Buffalo Sunday to enter Bryant-Stratton Business College.

Mrs. Ray Rogers and children of Whitesville were guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Rogers Friday and Saturday.

Mrs. E. J. Loughlin, Mrs. Ella Bundy, Mrs. J. M. Brundage and Mrs. Guy Wood were in Wellsville Wednesday in attendance at the funeral of Mrs. Celestia Whitcomb.

Miss Florence Cocoman of Buffalo is spending a few days at the home of her father, John Cocoman.

Dr. and Mrs. N. J. Grenolds and family and Mrs. Ella Vars left Andover Saturday en route to their new home in Westerly, R. I.

30 YEARS AGO

June 1, 1934

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Mrs. Byron Cartwright Proper, 69, died Wednesday. Surviving are her husband and a daughter.

Prof. and Mrs. Oliver Saunders of Cattaraugus are the parents of a daughter, born May 24th. Mrs. Saunders was formerly Miss Orrelbeth Baker of Andover.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Farley of Terra Haute, Ind., are guests this week of his sister, Mrs. Flora Mulholland.

Mr. and Mrs. John Vincent arrived home Wednesday after passing the winter in Florida.

Mr. and Mrs. John E. Cannon are enjoying a two-weeks vacation in New York City.

Mr. and Mrs. George Agery of Buffalo are passing the week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Mattison.

Rev. and Mrs. W. L. Greene, Mrs. Agnes Langworthy and son, Edson, Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Thorne and Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Northrup were among those from Andover in attendance at the funeral of Dr. Elwood Burdick of Waverly Saturday.

Rev. and Mrs. A. D. Sheppard of Harrison Valley and Frank Martin of Belmont were calling on Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Stearns, Saturday.

women drivers coming against each other — on the track — and not on the road!

Well folks, it's time to sign off for now—so long! and we'll see you at the races.