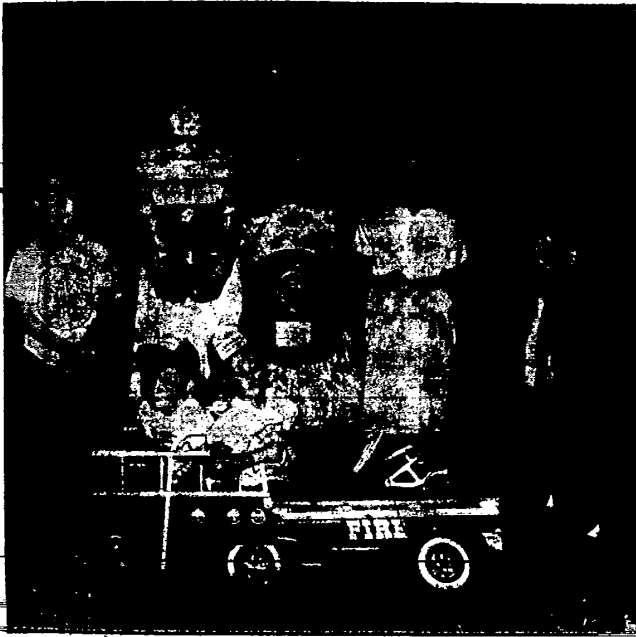


ANDOVER NEWS

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The "Jim" Jackson family with the awards that "Jim" received at the Convention last week.

James H. Jackson, Andover's "Fireman of the Year", won the applause and congratulations of five thousand of his fellow "Vols" that attended the 92nd Annual Convention of the Volunteer Firemen's Association at the Hotel Manhattan in New York. His modesty belied the man of action who performed the heroic deed which won him the title and the Schenley Bowl as well as the \$100 Savings Bond and other awards. Paul Lockwood, vice president of Schenley Industries made the award which goes to the "Fireman of the year" annually.

Jackson in addition to being interviewed by New York City newspapers and "shot" by photographers from the metropolitan dailies had experiences with radio and television. He was interviewed over the telephone by radio station WFYI on Long Island where over 20,000 volunteer firemen operate on the Island alone, and his interview was heard several times on Tuesday and Friday last week. He was also interviewed for the UPI-Audio network of 100 radio news stations.

Television station WNBC in New York filmed Jackson getting the awards and a sound and filmed interview of Jim and his wife was made. New Yorker's saw and heard the Andover couple on Tuesday night. The NBC TV news syndicate sent this story over its 77 TV station network which included many up-state New York Stations.

Probably the highlight of his appearance in radio and television was his appearance last Thursday morning on the NBC network television show "Today" when he was interviewed by the TV and Radio Personality, Hugh Downs. Downs visited with Jim about his regular work, his family, his neighbors in Andover and his rescue of the driver from the burning tanker. His awards, the plaque given him by the Volunteer Firemen's Association, the Schenley Bowl and a piece of fire-fighting equipment—small sized—which he was bringing home to his boys, were all seen on TV.

Jim and his wife, Doris Ann were furnished air transportation for the round trip by the firm where he is employed, the Air Pre-heater Corporation of Wellsville, N. Y.

The couple left the Elmira Airport Monday morning, arriving at La Guardia Airport in less time than it took for the trip to and from the airports by auto, and were then driven to the Manhattan Hotel which was the Headquarters for the Convention.

Monday night Jim and his wife attended the State Tournament for the First Aid Contests which

was held at Hotel Edison and proved to be very interesting and educational.

Tuesday morning was the presentation of the awards followed by various interviews and posing for news pictures, as well as the regular convention procedure.

Wednesday was a very hectic day for the couple between radio, TV, and newspaper interviews.

Thursday morning "Jim" was on the "Today Show" following which they were taken to Hemstead in time to see the water tournament and bucket brigade.

Thursday evening the Jacksons were guests of honor at New Hyde Park for dinner at the home of 1st Assistant Fire Chief, Ed Murray and "Jim" later attended the regular monthly meeting of the local Fire Department which is composed of five units.

Friday, Jim and Doris Ann were guests of honor at the big parade and festivities which followed at Hemstead, which was concluded by a dinner with Fire Chief Arthur Davis acting as host.

Saturday, the couple had an uneventful flight back home with many fond memories, a few extra pounds gained from the many banquets, and a big question of where the time had flown by so quickly.



Yvonne Mattison, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Reid Mattison, was admitted to the St. James Mercy Hospital Sunday and underwent tonsillectomy Monday. She returned to her home Tuesday.

Roy Courtney, a medical patient in the Jones Memorial Hospital, returned to his home Monday.

Mrs. Douglas York was admitted to the St. James Mercy Hospital Monday as a medical patient.

New Arrivals

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Granic (Suzanne Newell) are the parents of a son, born Wednesday, August 19, 1964 at the Jones Memorial Hospital.

Rebekah Lodge 303 To Convene After Vacation

The Andover Rebekah Lodge No. 303, will hold its regular meeting following a summer recess, Wednesday, Sept. 2nd at the Legion Home at 8 o'clock. This is an important meeting and all members are urged to attend.

William A. Burger

William A. Burger, 60, a life-long resident of Andover, died Sunday, August 23, 1964 at the St. James Mercy Hospital in Hornell. He was employed by the New York State Department of Public Works.

Mr. Burger was born in Andover, October 24, 1903, a son of the late William and Emily Stearns Burger. He was married May 20, 1925, to Isabelle Werley, who survives.

Also surviving are two daughters, Mrs. Edward (Phyllis) Wilson and Miss Janet Burger, both of Andover; three sons, Bernard of Andover, Donald of Elmira and Robert of Hornell; a sister, Mrs. Ben. E. Johnson of Candor; 10 grandchildren and several nieces and nephews, including Mrs. Newell Baker of Andover and Clayton Burger of West Clarksville who spent their childhood at the Burger home following the death of their parents.

Mr. Burger was a member of the Andover Methodist Church.

Funeral services were held at the family home, Wednesday at 1 p. m., with Rev. Willis V. Poole, Pastor of the Andover Presbyterian Church, officiating. Burial was in Valley Brook Cemetery.

Change In N. Y. S. Vehicle And Traffic Laws

Changes in the New York State Vehicle and Traffic Law dealing with learner permits, seat belts, school zone speed limits and judges' authority go into effect on September 1, Motor Vehicle Commissioner William S. Hulst reminded motorists today.

The changes were all enacted by the 1964 session of the Legislature. They are:

LEARNER PERMITS: Instructors employed by licensed driving schools have been added to the list of persons who are authorized to supervise the holder of a learner's permit under age 18 when he is driving during the "hours of darkness."

SEAT BELTS: Motor vehicles having a seating capacity of not more than 11 adult passengers or 12 school children, used primarily to transport children to and from school, must be equipped with separate seat belts for each occupant.

SCHOOL SPEED ZONE LIMITS: The 15 mile per hour school zone speed limit will apply to motor vehicles "travelling within a school speed zone" rather than when merely "passing" a school building. Such school zones, outside of New York City, may now be extended up to 300 feet along a highway adjacent to a school instead of merely "in front of" the schools. When properly signposted, the speed limits remain at 15 miles per hour during the school noon hour, school recess or while children are going to or leaving school.

JUDGES' AUTHORITY: The power to suspend or revoke driver licenses and vehicle registrations has been extended to all district court judges in the State. Previously the authority was held only by such judges in Nassau County.

Thomas F. Smith Receives Commission

Thomas Frederick Smith, has been officially notified by the Bureau of Personnel, Department of the Navy, Washington, D. C., of his appointment as Ensign in the U. S. Navy.

Smith is a 1958 graduate of Andover Central School, an alumnus of U. S. Merchant Marine Academy, Kings Point, N. Y., and a recent graduate of Maine Military Academy. He presently is in the employ of States Marine Lines as Third Assistant Engineer on the S.S. Aloha State. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert F. Smith of 37 Elm Street.

Firemen's Notice

The Andover Volunteer Fire Department will hold their regular meeting Tuesday, September 1st at 8 P. M.

News That's Print To Fit

With the weather making headlines in other parts of the country especially with the hurricane in the South, our own weather situation has been just one scare after another—as far as the farmers and local gardeners are concerned.

First it was too dry, then came the damp spell, and now we are having to sweat out this cold snap. After last week's cold front moved out we figured that there was nothing to worry about but the weatherman has had something different to say about it with the nightly temperatures hovering in the 40's since Monday.

According to the official recordings given us by the boys down at the Pump Station: Monday started out with a Low of 48 and then worked up to a high of 96; Tuesday had a low of 44 and high of 82; Wednesday's low was 55 with a high of 72 and then this morning the bottom almost dropped out of the thermometer with a low of 33, with the high of 75, so far today.

Let's hope that after this morning's scare that the low temperatures start climbing—and the faster the better!

Tuesday afternoon we were presented with a real fish story which was more than a little too much to swallow—with or without the hook, line, and sinker.

At supper-time we were called out in front of the house to look at a fish which was in the back seat (on the floor to be exact) of the car of a local citizen. According to the (fisherman?) behind the wheel, the 39" "Musky" was caught up at the 3rd Pond that afternoon—although he didn't specifically say that he caught it.

Since this was an incredible story, we did some checking around. It was found that Arling's fish story and finally came up with the right answer last night—at least according to our information.

It seems that Arling really did have a hand in on the deal as he gave the young fisherman a ride over to Lake Lamoka, and perhaps even helped him land this prize fish—but this lake is quite a way removed from Andover's 3rd Pond—and of course when a young school age lad kind of shows up an old fisherman, we can understand his reticence about passing the word along to us.

At any rate, we understand that congratulations are in order for TERRY SCOTT, and since the "proof of the pudding is in the eating", we will have to ask the Robert "Bob" Scott family how edible this type of fish turned out to be.

By the way Arling, when are you going to take the lad fishing again so that you can get another lesson in how to catch "Musksies" in cold water with a plug?

We understand that some of the other local lady drivers are having their troubles in parking on Main St., although in this instance there was no other car involved in the problem.

In fact one of them was seen the first part of the week parking in front of the Hotel, and before it was finished there were doubts at one time whether the car might be thirsty and was going into the front door or whether it just preferred to be up on the sidewalk.

However, after three or four passes back and forth, up on the sidewalk and back down, we understand that "Little Lucy" finally ended up parked in the approved manner—along the curb.

There, we didn't go back on our word and say anything about the "cow story" did we Lucy?

Seeing Judy Howland mowing the grass along the sidewalk near the Rochambeau Ave. bridge the other day reminded us that so far we haven't seen any action taken on the No. 1 traffic hazard

Mrs. Richard Harder

Mrs. Sara Bettinger Harder, 56, a lifetime resident of this community, died unexpectedly Sunday afternoon, August 23, 1964, at her home on Center Street.

Born April 17, 1908, a daughter of Fred and Margaret Wood Bettinger in Andover, N. Y., she attended Andover High School and upon graduation attended Elmira College taking a Liberal Arts course which qualified her for the teaching position at Hornell High School where she taught until her marriage to Richard Harder on June 29, 1929.

Surviving, in addition to her husband, Richard; are a son, Richard Kent Harder of Alfred; a grandson; several aunts, uncles and cousins.

Mrs. Harder was very active in the Presbyterian Church for many years, serving as a church elder and trustee as well as a member of the Presbyterian Women's Organization of which she was a Past President.

Sara was one of the Trustees of the Andover-Free Library, serving in this capacity for many years, and took an active interest in the workings of the Library.

She started helping out in the Hardware Store in the latter years of Arling Baker's life and shortly after his death formed a business partnership in 1951 with her husband, with the couple owning and operating the business until this past week.

Funeral services were conducted in the Presbyterian Church at 3:30 p. m. Wednesday by the Rev. Willis V. Poole with interment at Hillside Cemetery.

Board of Education Holds Special Meeting

The Board of Education held a Special Meeting August 24th at 8:00, 7:45.

The tax rate for Andover on assessed valuation is \$20.40. Last year it was \$27.36.

Alfred this year is \$35.86; last year \$34.00.

Independence this year is \$27.11 last year \$26.08.

Ward this year is \$27.34; last year \$27.34.

Wellsville this year is \$29.26; last year \$30.32.

Greenwood this year is \$25.55; last year \$27.93.

The rise or fall in the tax rate on assessed valuation is due to the variation in equalization rates.

Ted Foster Accepts Position In Cleveland

Ted Foster has accepted a position in the John Hay School in Cleveland, Ohio as instructor in Automobile Mechanics.

Mr. Foster is a graduate of the State University Agricultural and Technical Institute at Alfred, and for the past five years has been employed by the Andover Central School.

He leaves Andover, Monday, August 31st.

Attention!

The list of Room Assignments and Teachers for Andover Central School from Kindergarten through Grade Six appears on Page Six in this week's issue.

in Andover.

We don't know whether the "powers to be" have made arrangements to have something done in the near future or if they figure that the "heat is off" and are just going to sit back and wait for an accident to happen.

Personally, we would much rather see a traffic hazard removed before something serious happens than to be able to say "I told you so" after it happens. And you'd better believe that if something does happen on that corner after the dropping of the original plans, and after all the warnings from several sources, there will be more than just an account of the mishap!