

WHAT IS THE REASON?

An Editorial

What is the reason that the State Highways in the Andover area can't be sanded somewhere near the time they become dangerous from snow or ice instead of the next day? WHY?

Monday evening and Tuesday morning is a classic example of how treacherous the local highways can get in a few hours — and the big question at the scene of the accident at the overhead Monday evening in which 2 tractor-trailers and 2 cars were involved was: "Where is the sanding truck — and when will it get here?"

We know that a call went in for a sander around 6 P. M., shortly after the accident — and with 2 big tractor-trailer rigs and 2 cars along the curve at the West end of the overhead near the intersection of Rochambeau Ave., Extension — it was a mighty dangerous spot for all the traffic on Route 17.

We also know that three other vehicles were involved in a crash due to the slippery road conditions as a result of the above accident before the mess at the overhead was cleared — yet it was around 7:30 P. M., before the sander went up thru.

Later on that evening around 8:30 P. M., when we made a business trip to Hornell — which was absolutely necessary — the only place that we found sanded between Andover and Alfred Station was the hill at Tip Top.

From Alfred Station on into Hornell the road had been sanded liberally with what appeared to be a mixture of salt and sand and — although the driving conditions were bad — the road was safe enough for anyone exercising the normal winter-driving caution.

Why should Route 21 be maintained in a safe driving condition only as far as Alfred Station — and not all the way on into Andover?

Is there a shortage of salt and sand mixture in this section of Allegany County? Isn't there a large enough crew to maintain this area? Or isn't there enough equipment available — or just plain WHY?

Tuesday morning around 10 A. M. when the little woman drove to Wellsville for the weekly business advertising accompanied by three friends, the road was such a glare of ice that she was almost a nervous wreck before she arrived there. Yet when she was on her way back around noon — the sander was just going on down thru!

We don't know what the policy is set up for, as far as the State Maintenance Crew is concerned — but it would certainly seem as if as busy a highway as Route 17 is — that it should have somewhere near top priority for winter maintenance!

Hardly a week passes by without us receiving News Releases from the State of New York Department of Motor Vehicles asking for our co-operation in appealing to motorists to exercise utmost caution in their winter driving as well as not to drive after drinking, etc...

Yet in this first rash of accidents at our very door-step — the main contributing factor was — slippery road conditions. This is something that the poor motorist has very little control over at the time — unless of course he can afford to pull off the road and wait until State Maintenance Crews come along to improve highway driving conditions.

Fortunately, in this first series of accidents, only one woman was taken to the hospital — but how about the property damage to the vehicles involved — not to mention the anxiety, inconvenience and loss of time to the motorists as well as the police investigating the accident?

We feel that with winter just beginning, now is the time to see what can be done to prevent accidents at such dangerous spots as the overhead — before any fatalities occur due to slippery road conditions!

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50 YEARS AGO

Dec. 18, 1914

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Mrs. Thomas Riley, 58, died at her home Saturday night. Her husband and four children survive.

Mrs. P. J. Gallagher of Salamanca is passing a few days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. C. Lynch.

T. K. Regan is passing this week guest of his sister, Mrs. T. F. Kelley of Salamanca.

Ralph Rogers of Hornell was a Sunday guest of his sister, Mrs. W. E. Snyder.

Miss Hazel Strickland was called to Addison Sunday by the illness of her mother, Mrs. Charles Tracy.

40 YEARS AGO

Dec. 12, 1924

J. H. Backus & Son, Publishers

Thomas Flynn, 72, died at the Flynn Homestead Sunday, Dec. 7. Three brothers survive.

Evelyn G. McAndrew, died at the family home on Chestnut St., December 4th. Surviving are her father, four sisters and a brother.

The farm home on the George Barrett farm was destroyed by fire Tuesday morning.

Miss Radah Scott and Arthur Henning were married November 28th.

Anthony Dougherty went to Niagara Falls Thursday to work in the Niagara Electric Power and Light Plant.

Robert O'Donnell of Syracuse is visiting Andover relatives and friends.

30 YEARS AGO

Nov. 30, 1934

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Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Waters are the parents of a son born Tuesday morning.

Newly elected officers of West Greenwood Grange include: Howard Brewster, Master; Lester York, Overseer and Virgil Slaght Lecturer.

Mrs. Harold M. Foulke and Mrs. Naomi Broderick of Hornell were calling on Andover relatives and friends Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Winifred Jones spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Cummings of Pike.

Chandler Bassett went to Albany last week where he has a position with the General Electric Co.

Clayton Bennett of Cuba spent the week-end at the home of his mother, Mr. and Mrs. Orvis Parker.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Zimmerman and sons of Hornell were Sunday guests at the home of her sister, Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Rennells.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Burgett, Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Nottingham and Mrs. Charles Hammond attended the County Legion Meeting in Angelica Thursday evening.

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Doctor Quiddity

A Public Service Health Message

MEDICAL SOCIETY OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK



THE PASSAGES FOR SWALLOWING AND BREATHING ARE SO CLOSE TOGETHER IN THE THROAT THAT IT IS NOT SURPRISING THAT SOMETIMES FOOD OR LIQUIDS MAY GO DOWN THE "WRONG PIPE."

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SMALL OBJECTS CAN PLUG THE LARYNX OR SLIP DOWN INTO A BRONCHIAL TUBE, SO CHILDREN SHOULD NOT BE PERMITTED TO MOUTH SMALL OBJECTS — PEBBLES, PINS, TINY TOYS AND THE LIKE!



KAUTE BERGER, M.D.

New Extension Program For Entire Public On Proper Pesticide Use

Officials of the N. Y. State Cooperative Extension Service, Cornell University, announce an all-out effort will be made to educate the people of the state in the proper use of pesticides.

Supported by federal funds, the program will aim at coordinating all knowledge about pesticides and chemicals, and will spread this information rapidly and widely. It calls for informational and educational activities to improve the understanding of farmers, custom pesticide applicators, and professionals and technician in the field. It will include recommendations on pest control for home gardeners and householders, and information to the general public.

Prof. C. R. Harrington, associate director of Extension, N. Y. State College of Agriculture, reports that data on the safe and economical use of pesticides, the hazards and benefits, will be made available to everyone.

"The public will be kept informed not only about new research

that will help reduce the dangers from pesticides," he said, "but also the new approaches to pest control now under investigation to reduce pesticide use."

Local retailers and sales personnel will be given greater knowledge about the pesticide products they handle, and users of chemicals will be reminded again and again as to dangers and hazards, as well as safe and efficient use.

Prof. James B. Dewey, entomologist, has been named to lead and coordinate the program among Cornell departments and with federal, state and other agencies.

Methods being considered for meeting the programs' objectives include use of TV films, special service letters to commercial agricultural producers, brochures and posters aimed at safe use of chemical, pesticide manuals for retailers, special meetings and courses, work by specially trained agents and technicians and others in the field, and cooperative efforts with Extension Services in other northeastern states in the preparation of material.

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