

Andover Man Receives "Carnegie Hero Award"

James H. Jackson received word the first part of this week that he is a winner of a "Carnegie Hero Award" made by the Carnegie Hero Fund Commission of Pittsburgh, Pa.

"Jim" will receive a cash award of \$750 and a bronze medal will be made for him as soon as he accepts the awards.

This "Carnegie Hero Award" has resulted from "Jim's" rescue of truck driver Francis J. White, from his burning tractor-trailer which crashed near the Burger Farm on Route 17 West of Andover on October 25, 1963.

The following letters were received pertaining to the award:

Carnegie Hero Fund Commission
Oliver Building
Pittsburgh, Pa.
January 4, 1965

Mr. Kenneth F. Vars,
Floyd C. Vars and Son,
Main Street,
Andover, New York
Dear Mr. Vars:

In acknowledgment of your courtesy in calling the attention of the Commission to the case of James H. Jackson, we are enclosing a copy of our letter addressed to Mr. Jackson regarding the action taken by the Commission on his case.

Sincerely,

David B. Oliver, Manager.

Carnegie Hero Fund Commission
Oliver Building
Pittsburgh, Pa.
January 4, 1965

Mr. James H. Jackson,
R. D. 2,
Rochambeau Avenue Extension,
Andover, New York
Dear Mr. Jackson:

Through the courtesy of Mr. Kenneth F. Vars, of Andover, our attention was called to your heroic rescue act by which you saved Francis J. White from burning on October 25, 1963.

After thorough investigation and consideration of your case, we take great pleasure in advising you that, in recognition of such outstanding heroism, the Commission has awarded you a bronze medal and the sum of seven hundred and fifty dollars.

We trust you will accept the award, and if your reply is affirmative, your medal will be ordered immediately and we will write you concerning your award money. Kindly fill out the attached card and return it promptly in the enclosed envelope so there will be no delay in the production of your medal.

With our congratulations and best wishes on this announcement of your award, we are,

Sincerely,

David B. Oliver, Manager.

The Carnegie Award climaxes the honors that have been bestowed on "Jim" as well as the awards for both him and his family. During the past year, the Andover Fire Department selected him as "Fireman of the Year" as did the Allegany County Firemen's Association, Southwestern Volunteer Association, Western New York Volunteer Firemen's Association and the New York State Volunteer Firemen's Association.

Home Demonstration

The regular meeting of the Andover Unit will be held Wednesday, Jan. 13th at 10:30 a. m. at the Andover Grange Hall.

A lesson in "Chair Caning" and also "Altering Ready-Mades" will be given at this meeting.

Sack lunch at noon.
An early Adolence Training School will be presented Wednesday, Jan. 13 at the Presbyterian Parish Hall in Belmont at 10:30 a. m. Anyone interested is welcome to attend.

Masons Install New Officers For 1965

At the regular meeting of Andover Lodge No. 558 F. & A. M., held Monday evening, January 4th, R. W. Fay E. Boyd and R. W. Everett N. Clair installed the following Officers for the year 1965:

W. Master, George R. Hall
S. Warden, James A. Grae
J. Warden, Maxon C. Shay
Secretary, Lynn B. Frowbridge
Treasurer, Edward L. Kent
S. Deacon, Roy Shutt
J. Deacon, Conner L. Stephens
S. M. C., Russell C. Crittenden
J. M. C., H. Richard Baker
Chaplain, Marvin K. Derhammer
Marshal, Harry G. Weber
Tiler, John A. Carlosh
Trustee Three Years, Glenn E. Bronson
Trustee Two Years, Roland P. Kemp
Trustee, One Year, Earl J. Allen

At the close of the meeting an oyster supper was served for refreshments.

James Monahan

James Monahan, 67, of Maple St., died at his home early Thursday, December 31, 1964 after a long illness. He was a machine shop laborer.

Mr. Monahan was born in New York City, a son of Michael and Bridget Brennan Monahan. His wife, Hazel, whom he married in June 1930, survives.

Also surviving are three sons, Russell, Ronald and Leslie, all of Andover; and two daughters, Mrs. Dean Carlin of Ulysses, Pa., and Mrs. Byron Dolph of Wellsville.

Funeral services were conducted Saturday at the James B. Mulholland Funeral Home with Rev. Willis V. Poole officiating. Burial was in Hillside Cemetery.

Roger Barnes Earns Eagle Scout Badge

Roger Barnes, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Barnes of Grove St., received the Eagle Scout Badge at a Court of Honor held at the First Methodist Church here in Andover last Sunday.

Craig Snyder, Troop Committee Chairman, presided at the Court of Honor. Mayor Paul Kilbane read and presented the citation from National Headquarters.

Others taking part in the ceremony included the Rev. Roger Williams, who gave the Invocation and Benediction; the Rev. Willis V. Poole, speaker; George Brown, Richard Schrader, Edward Mullen, Leonard Pazzo, District Scout Executive; Elmo Barden, narrator; and John Murray, Scout Master.

Roger started his Scouting career with Cub Scout Pack 77 of Andover. In 1961 he joined Boy Scout Troop 42 in Andover. During the last three years he has earned many awards, including the "God and County Award", "Perfect Attendance Pin", and the "Historical Trails Award."

Raymond Burns Injured In Explosion

Raymond Burns, Andover, R. D. 1, was treated at the St. James Mercy Hospital Monday for minor burns of the back and neck when his jacket caught on fire as an explosion in the dormitory incinerator at the State University Agricultural and Technical College as he pushed open the door of the incinerator igniting his jacket.

Mr. Burns is an employee of the college.

Scout News

The January Troop Committee Meeting of Troop 42, Boy Scouts will be held at the American Legion Home this Monday evening at 8 o'clock.

Mrs. Lina Ruger

Mrs. Linda Ruger, 83, Dyke St., died early Thursday morning, December 31, 1964 en route to the Jones Memorial Hospital in Wellsville. She had suffered a cerebral hemorrhage at her home at 5:30 a. m.

Mrs. Ruger, a life-long resident of Andover, was born March 9, 1881, a daughter of Abraham and Mary Jane Lasher Slocum, and the last survivor of a family of 12 children.

She was married on May 21, 1898 to Glenn Ruger of Greenwood, who succeeded her in death in September 1952.

Mrs. Ruger was a member of the First Methodist Church since childhood; Women's Society of Christian Service; Life member of the Andover Volunteer Firemen's Auxiliary; The Andover Rebekah Lodge No. 303, and the Edward Seaman Woman's Relief Corp No. 155, of which she held an office at the time of her death, a very devoted member to all organizations and faithful member to her church.

Surviving are a son, Carroll of Andover; a granddaughter, Mrs. Lois Weber and five great-grandchildren, all of Andover and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were conducted Saturday at 1:00 p. m., at the James Mulholland Funeral Home, Church Street, with the Rev. Roger Williams of the Methodist Church officiating. Burial was in Hillside Cemetery.

Kathryn Shellman Local Oratorical Contest Winner

Monday, January 4, four juniors participated in the Oratorical Contest, sponsored by the American Legion, held in the A. C. S. Auditorium.

First place winner was Kathryn Shellman. Her essay was entitled "Freedom Guaranteed". Kathy will represent Andover in the County Contest in Bolivar.

Martha Lynch took second place with her speech on "Parallelisms of Our Constitution and the American Flag".

Third place went to Debbie Dunham with her essay on the "History of the Constitution." John Wahl's speech on "Peace Through Understanding" was awarded fourth place.

Judges were Fred Gertz and Ronald Brown, both of Alfred University and Glenn Bronson of Andover.

This is the 28th Annual Oratorical Contest sponsored by the American Legion Dept., of New York, as part of its Americanism Program. The prepared oration must be original efforts of each contestant and must require not less than eight minutes nor more than ten and must deal with the Constitution of the United States.

In addition to this phase of the American Legion's "Americanism Program", the Lynch-Burgatt Post No. 397 has recently furnished 1,000 book covers with the approved American Legion Prayer on the front cover which will be distributed to the students by School Authorities as needed.

News Briefs Of Local Servicemen

Midshipman William Riffle of the Carrier Essex was a guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Max Baker and family Friday and Saturday, January 1st and 2nd.

Pvt. Thomas Beck of the U. S. Army, who is stationed in Georgia was a recent visitor at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Max Baker and family of Rochambeau Ave.

Carl Wittie returned to the U. S. Naval Base at Great Lakes, Sunday evening after spending the Christmas Holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Wittie.

Keep On Buying Savings Bonds

News That's Print-To-Fit

Well the 12th Night of Christmas is now over with and in Rochester and some of the other larger places the traditional burning of the Christmas Trees was held last night.

Here is an idea and suggestion that could be included in next year's Chamber of Commerce Christmas Plans. Once a tradition like this is started it could very nicely climax a successful Christmas Pageant.

How about it folks—won't you remind us of this next year if you think it would be nice?

Well we see that Friend "Jim" has made the headlines again—Front Page no less—in the Wellsville Reporter, as well as being in the Buffalo papers.

We are glad to see him receive the biggest award so far—The "Carnegie Hero Award"—and feel that it couldn't happen to a more deserving fellow.

Undoubtedly the cash award will also come in handy towards fixing up the new house. Congratulations "Jim".

This is the first time that a "Carnegie" Award has ever been made to an Andover Resident to our knowledge, and the first in this area since the early '30's as far as we can find out. Thus we can all bask a little in the limelight.

Incidentally, the fellows that helped make this award come true also deserve a little pat on the back. Nice going boys!

We received a News Release the other day from Leonard J. Dziadkiewicz, District Manager of the Social Security Administration in Olean which seemed brief, to the point, and at this time of the year, very useful. Here are the basic facts:

If you are employed, your share of the tax is deducted from your wages each pay day. Your employer sends it, with an equal amount as his own share, to the District Director of Internal Revenue.

If you are in covered self-employment and your net earnings are \$400 or more in a year, you must report your earnings and pay your social security self-employment tax each year when you file your individual income tax return. Even if you are not required to pay any income tax, you must file an income tax return any pay any social security self-employment tax due.

The maximum amount of earnings that can count for social security and on which you pay social security is \$4,800 in a year. You probably noticed that your employer stops deducting social security taxes when you earn \$4,800. From the payment of tax, you and your family get protection against the future loss of income because of your retirement, disability or death.

If you work for more than one employer and your wages are more than \$4,800, you can claim a credit or a refund on your income tax return for the tax paid on the wages in excess of \$4,800.

With all of this hullabaloo about Medicare—reminds us of what we read in the Ocala, Florida, Star-Banner Newspaper recently which said: "There are so many things about the Medicare Proposal which trouble the thinking individual. Is it right to provide free medical care to those who can afford the best care? Shouldn't any medical care be offered on the basis of need? And if free medical care becomes a right of every American, can we stop there? Will not the next logical step be to provide free legal service, free utilities, and even free food?"

Seems as if we are doing a lot of the latter judging from the terrific amount of money being spent for Public Welfare!