

PROCRASTINATION — COULD BE COSTLY!

An Editorial

Procrastination — "Putting off until tomorrow what should be done today" could have been — and still might prove very costly to the Village Board and Local Taxpayers alike as far as the up-keep and maintenance of the Village Electric Department is concerned.

When the mess in the Electric Department concerning all of the faulty electric meters was first brought to light — prompt action was promised by the board members — so we refrained from making any comment on the poor supervision that obviously must have taken place for such a serious situation to have developed.

A crash program was instituted for removing, repairing, testing, installing, and replacing all meters that were questioned. This took at least a couple of months, and in the meantime a new Village Electrician was sought to work in that Department.

That was last Summer! Now Spring is almost here! And still we are apparently no closer to having a full-time employee in the Electric Department! How can all of the highly-technical and expensive equipment at the Village Sub-Station have the proper maintenance and care — when there isn't anyone on the payroll to take care of it?

Fortunately, for local residents and taxpayers, the trouble causing the power interruption Tuesday afternoon was discovered before a fire broke out. But what would have happened if this had occurred during the night? Many fires have been caused by electrical short-circuits. Without proper maintenance — could this happen to our local Sub-Station?

We realize that a couple of expert linemen from Wellsville have been working week-ends on the Village electrical system but what would happen if we have a power failure during the week? Surely they wouldn't be able to leave their regular jobs to come up and bail us out — especially if the damage is done by a storm — and they are faced with their own problems.

With Spring just around the corner — with its usual accompanying storms, wind, rain and electrical storms it looks as if someone had better "get on the ball" and do something — before we wake up some morning to find that we have no electricity to cook with, see with, work with — or keep our refrigerators and deep freezers running.

WHO ARE THE DELINQUENTS?

An Editorial

Juvenile delinquency is a much discussed subject nowadays. But the real root of the problem is generally soft-peddled.

Where does the blame lie for juvenile delinquency? It would seem that a major share of it can be charged to parents and schools. Both fail to teach and emphasize the importance of courtesy and the observance of the rights of others.

One simple little rule of conduct, if impressed on the children by parents and on students each day by teachers, from the first grade in public schools to graduation in college, would help.

That rule would be: **Keep your hands off other people and other people's property!**

Such a rule of action instilled into the young mind could save untold misery and heartaches for young and old alike.

Teaching this simple rule of action would be fulfilling and obligation which adults owe the young and would relieve the elders of serious delinquency on their part. — And it wouldn't take a new law or more taxes to accomplish results!

CONTESTED ELECTION IS A GOOD THING!

An Editorial

A contested election is the backbone of this great Democracy of ours. When we reach the point of indifference where we allow a mere handful of people select a slate of Officers, it would seem as if Democracy is fast ebbing away.

Thus we are glad to see that the Voters of Andover will at least be able to have a choice in electing 2 out of the 4 candidates for Village Trustee in the coming Village Election.

BE SURE and GET OUT and VOTE — for the CANDIDATE of YOUR CHOICE!



50 YEARS AGO

Feb. 26, 1915

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A. D. Fuller has resigned his position in the Andover State Bank to accept the Cashiership of the Canisteo State Bank.

Mrs. Lydia Warfield, 86, died at her home on Hill Street Wednesday, February 24th following a long illness. A daughter and a brother survive.

Ray A. Clarke of Shinglehouse has purchased the Andover Bakery.

Miss Rena Felley has resigned her position in Cannon Bros. Store and will enter the Hornell Business College to take up some review work.

Miss Ella Mulcahy is in Coudersport, Pa., called there by the death of a friend.

Mrs. John Donigan of Friendship has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. F. W. Burrows this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Smith of Olean and Mr. and Mrs. B. C. Williams were Sunday guests of their parents, Mr and Mrs. Orange Smith.

Rev. V. L. Eggleston was one of the judges in the Thomas World Peace Prize Speaking Contest at Alfred University Thursday.

40 YEARS AGO

Feb. 27, 1925

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Jesse Grossman was seriously injured Monday by being hit on the head with the brake handle while working in a drilling rig.

Mrs. Emma P. Clair and Charles F. Church were united in marriage Tuesday evening, February 24th at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Byron Clair by Rev. C. C. Church.

E. Y. Wallace has rented the Mrs. Mary O'Boyle farm in Shovel Hollow for the coming year.

John Burns will work the David Hunt farm the coming season.

Word has been received of the marriage January 28th of Frances M. Hooley of Buffalo and A. Lorey Mitchell of Andover.

Miss Virginia Crandall was home from Genesee and Stephen, Evelyn and Wallace Clarke were home from Alfred over the week-end — Independence Cor. Wednesday.

Rev. John McIntosh and family left Andover Thursday morning for their new home at Whitney Point, N. Y.

President and Mrs. A. D. Fuller and Mrs. Matilda Raufenbarth left Sunday by motor for a month's stay in Florida.

Miss Edna Smith, R.N., left Sunday for Boston, where she will take a post graduate course in a Boston hospital.

Miss Alice Fischer returned Saturday from McKeesport, Pa., where she has been visiting relatives.

Mrs. James Lynch has so far recovered from her recent operation as to be removed from the St. James Mercy Hospital in Hornell to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Lynch.

Mr. and Mrs. Hayden Rogers were week-end guests of her mother, Mrs. Melvina Robbins of North Bingham.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Huffcut of Mount Morris visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Robinson E. D. Baker was a business visitor in Buffalo the first of the

PEANUTS

by SCHULZ



Assembly Report

By **DON O CUMMINGS**

The first legislative bill of the 1965 Session made its appearance on George Washington's birthday. Based on prior years' experience, we are exactly six weeks late. This is not exactly a scintillating performance by the Democratic party of this state.

It is likely that we would still be balloting if the Republican party had not intervened to elect a Speaker. Frankly, I did not go along with my Republican colleagues in intervening in this intra-party dispute. I believe strictly in the two party system and the responsibility that falls upon each political party to organize, function and operate as a separate, responsible political entity.

The Assembly was organized by a coalition of New York City Democrats and by Republicans. Is this coalition going to be called upon to pass all important legislation? Is this coalition going

to pass the Governor's budget? If the Steingut-led wing of the Democratic party in the Assembly is going to oppose the other New York City Democrats, how can any legislative program — either that of the Governor, or of the Democratic party itself — be enacted without further intervention of Republican members?

In November, 1964, the people of New York chose the Democrats to run the Legislature. Their responsibility is clear. They are supposed to run the Legislature from beginning to end and my party should keep out of this internecine strife. It is my hope that on future close questions, the Republican party will fulfill the traditional roll of "loyal opposition". I trust that we will not be required or pressured on future legislative matters to join in a similar coalition with the New York City Democrats.

As expected, I remain a member of the same Assembly Committees as in prior years. These Standing Committees are: Military Affairs, Local Finance, Public Service, Taxation and Revision.

This year, I have introduced a bill to provide that recipient of a Regents College Scholarship or Fellowship should be entitled to receive this award while in attendance at an approved college or university located anywhere in the United States. These scholarships can thus be used by a student attending college outside of New York, and will not restrict him to attendance at a New York State institution of higher learning.

I have another legislative proposal which conforms the payment of our New York Estate Tax with the Federal Estate Tax as to the time of payment. My bill provides that the Estate Tax would be due and payable fifteen months after date of death, as is presently the Federal law.

Allgany Co. Eagle Scouts Interested In Conservation

Jerry Carpenter and Darwin Fanton of Wellsville, N. Y., and Edward Rayburn of Scio, N. Y., three Allgany County Eagle Scouts interested in Conservation as a career were entertained at the Soil Conservation Service Office at Belmont, by Arnold Watkins, Conservation Engineer, Soil Conservation Service Area Engineering staff; Leslie Whitney, Work Unit Conservationist, Soil Conservation Service and Donald Wirt, District Manager of the Allgany County Soil and Water Conservation District on Friday, Feb. 19, 1965.

The various duties of a Conservationist, Engineer and District Manager were explained to the young men. The need of a college education in securing positions and advancement in conservation was emphasized.

The group was later entertained at The Castle in Olean. The sponsoring industry was Clark Brothers of Olean. Mr. Latimer, President of Clark Brothers and Dean Charles S. Noble, Syracuse University presented an interesting program for Eagle Scout and leaders of the Seneca Council.

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