



John Karcanes is proudly displaying his 45-Year American Legion Membership Certificate that was presented to him at the American Legion Birthday Party Saturday night. Photo by Wittie

American Legion Celebrates Its 46th Anniversary

The American Legion Auxiliary of the Lynch-Burgett Post No. 397, entertained the local Legionnaires at their Annual Dinner Saturday, March 6th at the Legion Home.

About 70 Legionnaires and wives were served a very delicious Swiss Steak dinner at tables decorated with flags and blue and gold, colors of the American Legion.

After the dinner Commander Ralph Burgett expressed his appreciation to the Auxiliary for the very fine dinner served.

Next on the program was a film entitled, "It's Great To Be An American Legionnaire" was shown. This film summed up what the American Legion is and what its stands for.

The programs of the local Post during the past year were discussed. Each year a boy from High School is selected to attend Boys State at Colgate University which is charmaned by Mike Gath this year. A High School Oratorical Contest is sponsored each year and Andover has produced two first place winners in The County Oratorical Contest during the past few years. Dances for the teen-agers at school have been co-sponsored with the Chamber of Commerce and held at the local Post Rooms. A meeting place for the local Boy Scout Troop is sponsored by the American Legion. All of these aforementioned programs are part of the National Organization of the American Legion and are carried out for the betterment of the local community.

A Testimonial Dinner for Dept. Commander Crino of Rochester will be held in Friendship on Saturday, April 10th. Also a Dinner for National Commander Donald Johnson of Iowa will be held in Olean, N. Y., on Friday, April 23. If you have never had the pleasure of meeting a National Commander of the American Legion, now is your chance when it is nearby.

The fight by the American Legion and other Veterans Organizations to save the VA Center at nearby Bath, N. Y., was discussed to quite some length. To sum up this argument how can a \$21 million dollar facility at Bath be

closed and money saved when a new hospital will have to be constructed from less durable and lasting material. Also how can the economy of Bath be improved if this establishment is closed when Federal Aid is already in the process of being approved to aid the Southern Tier Counties. Also in 3 or 4 years the World War II Veterans will reach the age when he will need hospital care. If the Federal Government wishes to save any money in its domestic programs it most certainly should not be done at the expense of the Veterans of this country, whom the Government will always be indebted.

As for membership the local post stands at 96, just 5 short of the 101 which is needed by March 15th which would give our post its 5th consecutive membership award from National and Department Headquarters. There are at least 50 eligible veterans in Andover alone that have not signed up or have been asked to join the American Legion, the largest Veterans Organization in the United States. On the National level there are 21 million eligible veterans in the United States, yet only 3 million belong to the American Legion. Lets help get that figure up where it belongs, especially when a larger and stronger organization at this time would be able to stem the closing of the Veterans Hospitals in Washington, you owe it to yourself to belong to the American Legion who has done so much to protect your Veterans Rights.

Next Commander Burgett made the following presentation of Continuous Membership Awards:

10 Years — Donald W. Baker, Everett D. Davis, Herman D. Lehman

20 Years — Ralph A. Allen, R. E. Bloomster, John L. Cannon, Paul W. Childs, J. Robert Common, Herald H. Ford, Miles E. Gorsuch, Alvin M. Hoover, Howard E. McAndrew, Francis E. McCormick, Roger J. Tuttle, Kenneth F. Vars, Wendell R. Vars, Herman L. Wallace, Kenneth R. Williams

45 Years — Arling C. Briggs, John G. Karcanes, Max A. Richardson

All members present were reminded that during April nominations of local Legion Officers for the Year 1965-1966 will take place. If you are dissatisfied when any of these officers now is your chance to change this, not after it is all over.

News That's Print To Fit

Wow! Must be the weatherman is all mixed-up and confused — and doesn't know that Spring is supposed to be almost here with the cold weather that he threw at us this morning.

According to the "Boys" down at the Pump Station, the official temperature stood at a chilly 10 degrees this A. M. However, warm weather is predicted for this week-end — so cheer up!

Several people have reported seeing Robins around — so Spring can't be too far away!

Speaking of someone being mixed-up, reminds us that several people who read the 30-40-50 year column, really got a chuckle out of our "Slip that was showing" in last week's column and called it to our attention.

We don't know whether you readers are aware of the fact that in Newspaper Offices — there is supposed to be a "Printer's Devil" on the loose. Of course, he is supposed to do a certain amount of work and keep out of the printer's dessert — "pi" — but evidently last week he really stuck his foot in it.

For all of you readers that still have last week's copy of the Andover News on hand — if you clip the 40 year column off under the line marked — Independence Cor., and above the item of "E. D. Baker was a business visitor in Buffalo" — then insert this under the item in the 30 year column that reads: "Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Harris are the parents of a daughter, born" — the correct line will read — Wednesday. Then the line "from Thursday until Sunday will fall in its proper place under the item of "Mr. and Mrs. Harold Huffcut of Mount Morris visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Robinson" — from Thursday until Sunday."

What evidently happened was that when the type was moved around in the form, or taken off the galley, one of the three of us forgot which hand took the first batch of slugs out—and transposed them.

Of course, Yours Truly is on a special gall bladder diet which doesn't include "pi(e)" for dessert — so he pleads innocent under the "Fifth Amendment" — but of course we doubt if the "Little Woman" will accept this alibi. Looks like we will both have to "Shoulder the Blame"!

Mentioning the phrase "Shoulder the Blame" recalls to our attention the fact that eventually this phrase is really getting a work-out—judging from all the activity up and down Main St., by the local Politicians. More than likely "the Buck" will be all worn out by the time it gets passed back and forth between now and Election Day!

Of course the "Electric Department Issue" has really been worked over-time, and we also hear that there has been quite a little discussion over some of the parking problems.

Sifting some of the "Wheat from the Chaff"—it appears that some people don't like to get parking tickets. Many of the rest of us that have received them in the past — and paid them — probably weren't too over-joyed with them — but, what is fair for one — is fair for another.

Thus the only sensible thing to do without showing discrimination — would appear to be to change the Ordinances — and then no partiality could be asked for — or expected! 10-4?

At any rate, we wouldn't attempt to try and tell you voters "Who to Vote for" on Election Day — and doubt if it would do any good anyway — However, we would like to see every Voter at least get out — and Vote for the Candidates of Their Choice!

The March Meeting of the Allegany County Legion will be hosted at the Andover Post this month on Thursday, March 18th at 8:30 p. m. Come out and support your American Legion for God and Country.



Jean DeRemer



Dianne Vars

Bernard Murray

Bernard Murray died in the Myers Hospital in Buffalo, Thursday, March 11, 1965 following an illness of long duration.

A native of Greenwood, he was the son of Bernard and Mary McCaffrey Murray born Nov. 20, 1904 and had resided at Johnson St., Buffalo, the past twenty years.

He was a member of the Andover Blessed Sacrament Church and a disabled Veteran of World War II.

Survivors include a son, Rodrick of North Carolina; two brothers, Thomas of Greenwood and James of Indianapolis, Ind; also several nieces and nephews.

A prayer service will be held at the James B. Mulholland Funeral Home in Andover at 9:30 a. m., Monday morning followed by a 10 a. m. Requiem Mass at the Andover Blessed Sacrament Church with The Rev. John R. Shea, pastor, officiating. Interment will be in St. Ann's Cemetery, Hornell.

Friends may call at the Funeral Home beginning Friday evening at 7 o'clock.



Dave Wightman

ACS Students Win Scholarship Awards

Three Andover students have won scholarships from the New York State Regents Department. These students are: Jean DeRemer, Dianne Vars and Dave Wightman.

Dianne was the high scorer of these three with Jean placing second and Dave third. Ronald Cook is an alternate.

In order to retain these scholarships, these students must attend a college or university in New York State. The amount of the scholarship is based on the parents New York State taxable income. This amount varies from \$200 to \$700 per year.

Jean is planning to attend St. Bonaventure for a liberal arts course. Dianne's plans are for a music course at Mansfield State Teachers' College in Pennsylvania. Dave plans to pursue a liberal arts course in Albany State.

PTA News

The Andover Parent-Teacher Association will hold a Talent Show on Thursday, March 18th at 8 p. m.

The talent will be from Kindergarten thru 12th Grade with three different classifications: Grade 1-6; Grades 7 - 8 and High School. The winner of each group will win a \$5 first prize.

Come out parents and enjoy the talents of our children.

4th Of July Celebration Meeting Monday

There will be a meeting on Monday, March 15th for all organizations interested in participating in the Third Annual 4th of July Celebration.

The meeting will be held at 8:00 p. m., at the Fire Hall. All suggestions will be appreciated to help make the event a bigger success.

Inducted Into Armed Forces

The following registrants of Local Board No. 71, Belmont, N. Y., have been inducted into the Army and left for Fort Dix, N. J. March 4, 1965:

Kenneth Allen Thompson, Canaseraga
James Edward Meshan, Wells-ville

We hear that the Maple Syrup Season is in full swing as several of the local farmers are already "Rolling Off" — including the producer on Rochambeau Ave.



Mrs. Avery Mead and infant daughter, Michelle Marie, returned to their home last Wednesday.

Mrs. Gussie O'Dell was admitted to the Bethesda Hospital Friday as a medical patient.

Mrs. Lawrence Hurlburt and infant daughter, Cheryl Lynn, returned from the Jones Memorial Hospital Sunday.

Mrs. Carl Burdick, who was admitted to the Jones Memorial Hospital Sunday, underwent surgery Wednesday.

Masonic Notice 1865 Centennial 1965

The Stated Communication of Andover Lodge No. 558 F. & A. M. will be held Monday evening, March 15th at 8 o'clock. All Master Masons Welcome. Refreshments.