

**OFFICIALLY — SPRING IS ALMOST HERE!**

**An Editorial**

"If Winter comes, can Spring be far behind?" Those famous lines were written by Shelley long ago, in his "Ode to the West Wind". (Which we used to study in School.) They are found in just about every anthology of poetry, and with good reason. The rigors of Winter bring a longing for a mild and blossoming season. And of course, Spring is a symbol of renewed life. Every bush, every shrub, every tree, every flower starts in toward its maturity. It is the most gladsome of all the seasons.

And it is more than that. It is a time for the healthiest, most pleasurable (?) of tasks. The grass must be mowed. The roses must be sprayed. The shrubbery must be pruned and tended. There are all manner of duties that need looking after about the house and the grounds. (Windows need washing, screens need painting, a clean-up, paint-up, fix-up campaign is needed).

They may be hard, for a time, on unused muscles, but they leave a lasting sense of accomplishment in their wake.

Then, Spring vacations call to many of us. It is a splendid time to see new country—by train, car, plane—any means of conveyance. We broaden our horizons, and we add new dimensions to our minds.

Officially, Spring will be with us on March 20—as always a most welcome guest! Let's hope that it will bring an end to this cold weather and snow!!

**PERILS OF "MEDICARE"!**

**An Editorial**

Just a year ago we wrote an Editorial about the "Medicare" proposal—which would provide certain medical services for everyone drawing Social Security payments—no matter whether they needed them or not.

The first bill was called "Health Care for the Aged". Its successor bore the title "The Hospital Act 1963". Now once again—"Medicare" has almost top priority in the Administrations plans for "The Great Society"!

In this week's "Industrial News Review", the author Edward W. O'Brien, writes: "An unpublished study by top governmental actuaries shows that the administration's medicare proposal would cost \$3.8 billion a year by 1975 and that the proposed special health care fund would be just about broke by then.

"In this study, Social Security Administration experts found that the cost of operating medicare would exceed by 1972 the income to the fund from the new payroll taxes provided—"

These findings square with warnings given by non-governmental authorities of the financial perils that medicare contains. And there is more than theory to back them up. Some foreign countries have imposed various medical benefit plans on top of pension and retirement programs—and have invariably found that the actual costs far exceeded the optimistic estimates. In France, which took that step, reports indicate that the welfare system is perilously close to bankruptcy.

To make a bad matter worse—medicare is far more limited in its benefits than most people realize. Surveys show, for instance, that great numbers of people think it would pay doctor's and dentist's bills. **It would not!** Basically, it offers only a restricted program of hospital and nursing home care.

We feel that other plans, which would provide much broader and more liberal medical services to the needy, should be adopted—but that the present "Medicare" plan with its built-in dangers and weaknesses should be rejected to protect patients from "assembly-line" Medical Care!



**50 YEARS AGO**  
March 12, 1915  
J. H. Backus, Publisher

Conrad Will, 36, died last Friday following an operation at the Wellsville Hospital. He is survived by his parents, three brothers and five sisters.

John Monroe has moved from Slate Creek to the C. L. Earley farm near this Village.

Henry Livermore has workmen excavating preparatory to building his harness shop on Main Street between the C. W. Williams Grocery and the Ed. McLoughlin property.

Mrs. Hiram Bress of Elm Valley, passed away Saturday after a six months illness. Burial was in Scio.

Mr. and Mrs. John Lewis of Independence are the parents of a daughter born March 3rd.

Mrs. Addie Coleman went to Flemington, N. J., Wednesday for a visit with her sister, Mrs. G. W. Probasco.

Almond Crandall was called to Bradford, Pa., Monday by the death of his sister, Mrs. Myra Crandall Nuget.

P. Kilbane of Cleveland, Ohio, is visiting his father, John Kilbane, who has been ill for several weeks.

E. S. Clarke, J. E. Redmond and son, Walter, were in Alfred Thursday attending Farmers' Week.

**40 YEARS AGO**  
March 13, 1925  
J. H. Backus & Son, Publishers

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Lynch are the parents of a daughter, born March 5th.

Guy Wood has purchased the remains of the Masonic Temple recently burned and will erect a garage on the site.

Mr. and Mrs. Allison Baker are the parents of a son born March 7th.

Potatoes are selling at the car at 40c per bushel.

Virgil Slaughter of West Greenwood spent the week-end with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Hartrum.

Mrs. Fred Brewster is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Miller of Hornell.

Raymond Townsend has resigned as Trackman at Tip Top and Albert Baker has taken his place on the section.

W. F. Snyder and E. A. Richardson were business visitors in Buffalo the last of the week.

E. D. Baker, President of the New York State Hardware Dealers attended a meeting of the Buffalo hardware men in that city Tuesday evening.

Mrs. Harland Robinson from Mid West, Wyoming, arrived in Andover Friday to pass several weeks with Andover relatives. Mr. Robinson plans to motor thru Saturday.

Mrs. Leon Wahl returned Sunday from Binghamton where she was called by the illness of her mother who was able to come to Andover with her.

Mrs. Ila Clarke, who has been passing the winter in New Jersey is visiting Andover friends this week.

**30 YEARS AGO**  
March 15, 1935  
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Dan Farwell has accepted a position with the Eastman Kodak Company of Rochester.

Andover Grange put on the play "At The Cross Roads" at Pomona Grange in Alfred Thursday evening.

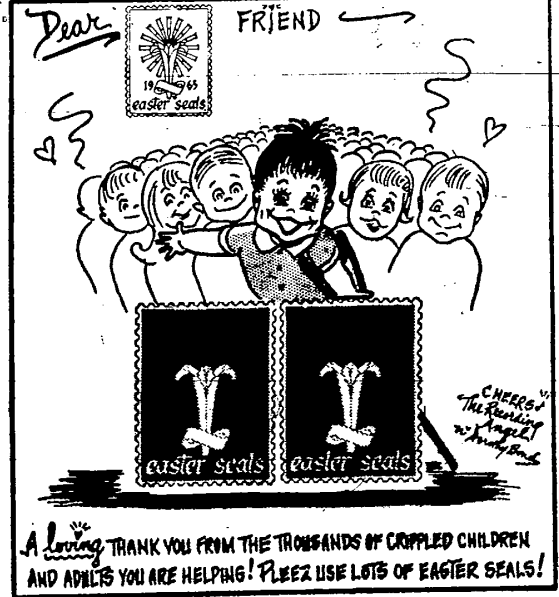
Charles McGinnis has entered the new Veterans Hospital at Batavia for treatment.

Mrs. Raymond Wood and daughter of Hammondport are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Nye.

Frank Gallagher and Miss Kathryn Gallagher of Depew were called home Friday by the illness of their sister, Miss Ella Gallagher, who underwent an operation at the St. James Mercy Hospital in Hornell Saturday.

Mrs. John Boyd and daughter,

**THE LADIES** by DOROTHY BOND



A loving THANK YOU FROM THE THOUSANDS OF CROPPED CHILDREN AND ADULTS YOU ARE HELPING! PLEASE USE LOTS OF EASTER SEALS!

**"Red's" Racetrack Ramblings**

Well all you racing fans—here's a big treat that is going to be in store for you this coming racing season: Olean Speedway is switching to Late Models. 61's thru 65's and will be running Friday nights starting April 30th.

Ray Jordan, from Cuba stopped in at the News Office the other day to say hello and tells us that he has his '65 Chevy pretty well all built up. In fact, last week end he was driving down to South Carolina to see a famous "speed-merchant" that has built up quite a "rep" driving new Chevys in order to find out a few of the vital "trade secrets" in setting up his car. Ray said that he has the body pretty well fixed up and his engine is completed—Now all he has to do is get the front-end "set-up" so that it will handle the way he wants it to and then—look out!

We also have a report from Zon Davidson in Cuba who has purchased a 1965 Plymouth for this year's racing season. Zon has really taken on quite a job for himself since Chrysler Corporation-bodies are harder to set up for racing competition than the Ford of General Motors cars because Chrysler makes a uni-body (body and chassis are one unit). Thus in his first step he had to remove the complete front-end assembly, engine, transmission, driveshaft, and rear-end—in other words—strip the car right down to the uni-body itself.

Zon's next step was to re-weld the entire chassis and body by going over all factory welds (the factory welds are O.K. for normal driving—but must be reinforced). Next, he had to relocate his gas tank and install a rear-end racing suspension, fishplate the entire front end and double line the fire-wall for safety measures.

Installing roll-over bars in compliance with track regulations has been completed and the car is now ready for re-assembly.

Zon's power plant is Chrysler's 426 cubic inch engine, which, built up to his specifications, will develop over 400 horsepower. In order to lick the problem of getting enough traction for this "hot mill" he is installing a Halmar and Moody rear-end (used by all Grand National Champions).

Ruth of Spruce Pine, N. C., is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Parker.

Miss Aileen Walsh was in Buffalo last week-end to play with the Fredonia Normal School Band at the Buffalo-Fredonia basketball game in that city.

Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Nottingham and Mrs. Belle Corey of Wellsville were business visitors in Buffalo over the week-end.

Francis McAndrew of Alfred and Louis McAndrew of Rochester spent the week-end with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. George McAndrew.

Mrs. George A. Wereley is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. George C. Wereley at Kennedy this week.



March 17, 1965

Dear Mr. Editor and Voters of Andover, I would like to sincerely thank the 214 faithful voters who supported me at Tuesday's Election. It is very gratifying to know that so many people have faith in your ideas.

Congratulations are in order to the 3 Republican Candidates who won, the Republican Committees and to the people who so well supported them—I can say only that the large turnout certainly should keep these able men "on their toes" since I am sure they know well that many people are presently dissatisfied.

I learned a good deal from this election. From this Election I learned of a great many desires. I would respectfully suggest to the Board that the next Election be open 12:00 Noon to 8 or 9 P. M. This would only be serving one advantage, that allowing the working man an opportunity to arrive home, eat, relax and vote. Many people did not vote because of the early closing.

Thank you again for the needed help.  
Very truly yours  
RONALD G. TAYLOR

In order to lick the problem of handling—he has gone to the "pros" and is having a Rex Wright front-end assembly made which should take care of that department.

Zon and his crew have been working on this car for months and will probably be working into the wee hours of the morning right up to opening night in order to get this "masterpiece" finished in time.

"Little Joe" Tomes of Olean has also registered a 1965 model car for competition at Olean Speedway this year. "Little Joe" searched the entire Southern Tier and finally found a wrecked '65 Mercury which he is completely rebuilding. His car will be powered by a 390 cubic inch engine.

Last year, Joe finished second in the point standings with a 1954 Ford—this year with a '65 Mercury—What a difference that can make!

The Sportsman Class will be very plentiful this year with around 28 all ready lined-up. Most of these are Ford and Chevy powered engines that can be used with any body and any chassis.

In the late models, with the help of Stateline Speedway, there will be a numerous amount of 1965 entries including Fords, Chevrolets, Plymouths, Dodges, Chevilles and Mercurys. To-date, there are 7—1965 Chevilles (which seem to be the most popular), 4—'65 Fords; 5—Chevilles; 3—Plymouths; 1—Mercury; and 2—Dodges—all '65's.

Sure looks like a good year for '65 racing doesn't it?

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