

Ford and Peckham to Construct Huge New Main St. Super-Market

Herald Ford and Hollis Peckham today announced that they have made final arrangements for the purchase of six Main Street Business places for the location and construction of a huge new Super Market.

The razing of these buildings and construction of the new store will mark the biggest single change in the Main Street Business Section in modern Andover history.

The Voorhees Billiard Parlor, adjoining Garage last occupied by Mark Hyslip III, Hann & Skinner Building, Floyd C. Vars & Son Jewelry Store, Lever Trading Post and Vars Gift Box will be torn down starting in mid-summer for this big project.

A new colored Stran-Steel building will then be erected on this site with work to commence in the fall and the date of completion scheduled for early spring.

The building will be of the latest design and equipped in ultra-modern style with it being rumored that red wall-to-wall carpeting will be installed throughout the entire store. It will be 50 feet wide and 122 feet long with a well lighted, black-topped parking lot 80 feet wide and 140 feet long bordering Main St. This new parking lot will provide parking space for approximately 35

cars and will have an entrance and exit onto Main Street.

According to Mr. Ford and Mr. Peckham, the new building will be leased to one of the major Super-Market groups operating in this area on a long term lease, and will bring local and area residents the latest and most modern marketing principles. The two partners also stated that without the fine co-operation and foresight of the local businessmen involved, this ideal location could not have been utilized. This could have forced the location of the Super-Market and Parking Lot off Main Street or possibly even out of town.

In order to determine the change and impact this startling development would have on the businessmen involved, we interviewed those concerned and found that they felt this change would improve the over-all business climate in Andover.

In a personal interview with Kenneth Vars, proprietor of the Floyd C. Vars & Son Jewelry Store, we were informed that his father purchased the building around 1899 from "Tip" Mourhess and that it has been in the Vars family since that time.

Ken joined the business with his father in 1937 and then upon the death of Mr. Vars in 1949, as-

sumed sole ownership and has continued to operate the store since then.

"Kenny" told us that he is planning on a gigantic sale in the near future in which he will sell all his merchandise at greatly reduced close-out prices. This will include diamonds, watches, jewelry and sporting goods that are in stock at the present time.

For his future plans, Mr. Vars says that upon the closing of his Jewelry Store, he will devote his full time to the operation of Vars Men's & Boys' Store at a near-by location on Main St., which he presently owns and operates.

Robert Voorhees, proprietor of the Billiard Parlor, tells us that he will continue business for around two more months providing he can locate several pool and billiard tables, since his present ones are already sold. He stated that he has been in business for many years and hopes to resume operations at a different location in the near future.

At the present time, no definite plans have been finalized concerning The Gift Box which has been operated by the Vars Brothers for the past several years. However, Wendell stated that he and Ken had several plans under consideration and that their decision would be announced in the near future.

News That's Print To Fit

Yep, IT IS NOW OFFICIAL! Today's News Release about Ford and Peckham building a new Main St., Super-Market, will put an end to all the rumors that have been floating around for quite some time.

We heard about it several months ago, but since a premature story might have "scotched" the deal, we refrained from making any comment until it was all wrapped up.

From a personal standpoint of view, a modern Super-Market with plenty of free parking space, located on Main St., should help most local business places. Many people in the surrounding area that have been buying groceries in Wellsville and Hornell will more than likely avail themselves of the convenience of less travel, and less traffic. Naturally, while they are parked to buy groceries, they are very apt to purchase other needed items in local stores.

Another important factor to be considered which the recent tragic Hilton fire clearly pointed out, is that if a fire broke out for example in the old Lever Building—it would more than likely wipe out most of the local business section. A catastrophe like this would mean a terrific monetary loss—as well as perhaps loss of life.

This new project will remove three old wooden frame buildings that are regular tinder boxes which will do away with a large percentage of danger by fire to other nearby structures.

Thus instead of the headlines reading: "Eighty Per-Cent of Hilton Business Section Destroyed by Fire"; our local headlines could very well read: "Twenty-Five Per-Cent of Andover Business Section to be replaced by Modern New Super-Market".

In speaking of the disastrous fire in Hilton, as soon as we heard of the News Flash on Sunday morning, we called our Uncle, William Loughhead, who is Vice-Principal at the Hilton Central School and lives on Main St., just a short distance from the Business Section, to check and see if he and Aunt Doris were O.K. Needless to say we were greatly relieved when we were able to talk to them on the phone and were informed that the wind was not blowing in their direction so as to endanger the homes in that section.

"Bill" told us that the fire alarm was first sounded at 7:45 in the morning which explains why there was only one fatality as a result of the huge conflagration. More than likely if the fire had erupted during the night there would have been a much larger loss of life, since several homes were burned down in addition to the business places. Even as we were visiting over the phone, we could hear one of the several explosions that took place during the fire.

Normally, most of us read about things happening like this in the newspapers — and think "it couldn't happen here". Then when some of our friends or relatives are endangered — we suddenly realize "it could happen here!" Besides this, the elderly lady, Mrs. Sisson, who lost her life in the fire, was a former resident of Wellsville. In fact her son and family are residents there at the present time.

While the above news events drove the weather off the top-billing in this column, we can't ignore it completely since we have had sub-zero weather since the official arrival of Spring. Yes, the mercury hit 8 below zero on our third day of Spring.

Here are the official recorded readings given us by the Boys down at the Pump Station: 19th, L. -13, H. -24; 20th, L. 12, H. -10; 21st, L. -5, H. -20; then the 22nd, L. -8 below H. -40; 23rd, L. -27, H. -32; 24th, L. -16, and today's L. -18, with the present



Fay Brown will enter the Hyland Hospital this Thursday to undergo major surgery on Friday. Dale Spencer, a medical patient in the Jones Memorial Hospital returned to his home Wednesday. Douglas Preston was admitted to the Jones Memorial Hospital Monday for tonsilectomy. He returned home Tuesday.

John Atwell, a surgical patient in the Jones Memorial Hospital returned to his home Monday.

New Arrivals

Mr. and Mrs. Manley Baen (Elizabeth Norman) are the parents of a daughter, born Monday, March 22, 1965 at the Jones Memorial Hospital.

Former Andover Man Elected Addison Mayor

Lyle Slocum, 31, a former Andover resident who married the former Suzanne Hyland, was elected to the position of Mayor in Addison at the recent election in a political upset that saw two Democrats seated on the Village Board.

Mr. Slocum attended Andover Central School and upon graduation joined the Marine Corps in which he served for three years during the Korean Conflict.

After receiving his discharge from the Service he returned to Andover and worked for around a year for the Joyce Pipeline Co.

Slocum and his family moved to Addison in 1956 where he was employed locally, accepting the position of Superintendent of Public Works there in 1958 which he held until 1963 when he purchased the Ritz Cafe.

Mr. and Mrs. Slocum have four children: Dana, 12; Deborah, 9; Denise, 8; and Dann, 7.

temperature standing at 29.

With the passage of the 5c boost in State Taxes on a pack of cigarettes, it would appear as if "Rocky" has a pretty good chance of shoving thru most of the tax raises he has proposed — unless all you taxpayers and voters make more noise to your State Senators and Assemblymen. Unless they are deluged with protests—they are apt to think that their constituents don't care one way or another. Remember folks — its a lot easier to stop a raise in taxes before it goes into effect — than it is to try and get them removed or lowered after they have become a law!

Think back a few years and then ask what ever happened to the tax raise on cigarettes which was levied to pay for the Veterans World War II State Bonus. After all the Bonus Checks were paid out — the money accumulated for a little while — and then — into the general fund it went — and is still going there. And so it goes — with the luxury tax — and the rest of them as well.

Speaking of taxes reminds us of Elections — you know, when promises are promptly forthcoming — and as promptly forgotten. Of course, the losing candidates don't have to even make an effort to do anything about their election promises — so it looks as if the evergreen boughs that were put up at the News Office for Christmas Decorations are safely entrenched until warm weather arrives so we can take them down without freezing to death.

It seems, that unbeknown to us, "Ron" was using the removal of the "News" Decorations as one of the planks in his campaign platform, along with prompt snow removal, etc. Since this was one of his ideas, how about it "Ron"? Are you going to come down and give us a hand?

District Grand Officers Make Official Visit

The Official Visitation of R. W. Jean S. Kailbourne Dist. Deputy Grand Matron and R. W. Dana J. Clapp, Dist. Grand Lecturer of Allegany District Order of Eastern Star to Anna W. McArthur Chapter No. 242, was held Monday evening at the Masonic Temple with Worthy Rosemary Wightman, Matron and R. W. Clyde Yorton, Patron presiding officers.

The reception committee of Past Grand Officers of the Chapter were R. W. Pauline Yorton, R. W. Elizabeth Clair, R. W. Bernice Nobles, R. W. Clyde Yorton, R. W. Everett Clair and R. W. Frances Rogers.

All officers wore corsages of white carnations with red ribbons with the exception of the Worthy Matron who was presented with a corsage of red carnations; a gift from her officers. Corsages of white carnations tipped with red were presented to the visiting District Grand Officers and other visiting officers.

New members received into the Chapter at this meeting were: Mrs. Gail Taylor and Mrs. Alberta Rogers. Appropriate music was rendered by Mrs. Donald Kent at this time.

A presentation to the District Officers with W. Irene Hann and W. Bessie Hunt committee, was given by the Star Points with the assistance of the Conductress and Associate Conductress, Associate Matron and Associate Patron who presented each with a gift from the Chapter.

After the meeting all officers, members and guests were invited to adjourn to the dining room for refreshments. Mrs. Irma Lewis and Mrs. Helen Boyd in charge of the refreshments, served a luncheon of chicken salad with rolls, coffee, tea and cupcakes. The luncheon was served buffet style with flowers and silver adorning the table. Mrs. Beatrice Whiting was in charge of the dining room with Mrs. Cecile Ruger in charge of the flowers.

Approximately 100 guests and members were present at the meeting.

Library News

The following new books have been added to the Andover Free Library:

"The Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire", in three volumes by Edward Gibbon.

"I Pass!", by Y. A. Tittle

"The Barrymores", by Hollis Alpert

"First Around the World", by George Sanderlin

"An American Family", by Ishbel Ross

"Story of Art", by Ariane Ruskin

"To Catch a Spy", by Amelia Walden

"Five Times Maigret", by Georges Simenon

"The Player on the Other Side" by Ellery Queen

"Linnets and Valerians", by Elizabeth Goudge

Memorial Books Added

"A Traveller In Italy", by H. V. Morton, given in memory of Mrs. Gordon Cartwright by Mrs. Pearl Ryckman, Mr. and Mrs. George Carpenter, Dr. and Mrs. Robert Common and Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Hoover.

"Kids Say the Darndest Things" by Art Linkletter, given in memory of Mrs. Pearl Prentice by Mr. and Mrs. Craig Snyder and family

News Briefs Of Local Servicemen

Seaman Karl Wittie spent from Friday thru Sunday visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Wittie. Seaman Wittie returned Sunday night to the USS Yosemite (AD 19) at Newport, R. I.

Home Demonstration

The Andover Unit of the Home Demonstration will meet next Tuesday, March 30th at the Taylor Home at 7:30 p. m. for election of officers and a business meeting. Light refreshments will be served.

Refreshment committee for the next meeting will be R. W. Pauline Yorton, R. W. Clyde Yorton and W. Irene Hann.

American Cancer Crusade Starts April 4th

The American Cancer Society has stepped up plans for the April 4th launching of its Annual Crusade to save more lives from Cancer through research, education and service.

An expected 900 volunteers will participate in the Crusade against Cancer. George B. Clark Jr., President of the Allegany County Unit explained that the 1965 Crusade "will emphasize a 'Tell Your Neighbor' theme". Volunteers, in their door-to-door bellingring, will hand out a leaflet containing life-saving facts about cancer and information about the Society's effort to help conquer this disease.

Much of the preparation for this year's Crusade, Mr. Clark said, will be centered on training volunteers to make them the best possible guides to helping save lives from cancer.

The Society appeals for volunteers who are willing and anxious to do this humanitarian work to contact Mrs. Ann Eichler, 156 N. Main, Wellsville, phone 2158, for additional information.

"Volunteers, the life-blood of the Society's anti-cancer effort, are greatly needed", Mr. Clark said. "It is they who saturate the community with life-saving information. It is no exaggeration to say that without them, the Society's program would not be possible."

According to the American Cancer Society, 92,000 men and women will die of cancer this year because they did not get to their doctors in time for early diagnosis and prompt treatment.

The goal of "Tell Your Neighbor" is to persuade the American public of the importance of prompt diagnosis and treatment of cancer. "An annual health checkup will mean many thousands of lives saved."

The second goal, Mr. Clark said will be to raise money for research, education and service. "Our only hope of saving one half of those who now develop cancer is through the results of the research which is occupying an increasing number of scientists each year. Here lies our hope."