

# **Special Graduation Held** For Local Tech Student

ALFRED—Last Saturday after-noon at two o'clock, 475 seniors at the State University Agricultura' and Technical College here were graduated at the college's 54th Commencement exercises.

At 6:00 p. m., what might right-Commencement took place. This time the graduating class consisted of only one student — Robert Vickers of Andover.

Bob, who had gone to graduation that afternoon with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Francis Viel.

ers, his two brothers and two sis-ters, was informed just prior to the exercises that he lacked sev cral credits necessary for gradua-tion. Disappointed, Bob, from

His academic division chairman Professor E. J. Brown, hearing about the incident and prompted by a feeling of intuition, returned to his office immediately after graduation and rechecked Bob's records where he discovered a mistake had been made and that the senior had indeed fulfilled the requirements for graduation.

The mistake was traced to the failure of the college's data processing unit, when Bob's record was evaluated for graduation at the conclusion of the spring quarter last week, to take into account summer school attendance two

summer school attendance two years ago.
Upon discovering the error Professor Brown immediately contact Alfred Tech President David H. Huntington and then phoned the Andover resident at his home and asked him to come to the college to receive his diploma.

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when Bob, a business administration major, reached the cellege he was ushered into the practical office where one of the misual graduations in annals took place.

Instead of merely being handed his diploma, he was greeted by President Huntington, Professor Brown, William B. Harrison of Alfred, thairman of the college trustee council, and Max Farash of Rochester, a council memberall dressed in their graduation caps and gowns.

Then, in accordance with the

Then, in accordance with the solemnity of the occasion, the of fical graduation-proceedings which

were performed earlier in the afternoon were repeated.

Professor Brown announced Bob as a candidate for graduation mr. Harrison, with the authority vested in him as the council chairman, conferred the degree; and President Huntington presented the diploma to the somewhat be wildered graduate.

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To add to the ceremony, two of Bob's brothers, Dave and Bruce who were waiting outside the

president's office, were called in to witness the graduation cere-

After receiving the diploma Bob, a 1963 graduate of Andover Central School, said that he was surprised and very pleased. "I

degree," he said. "I never expected the whole ceremony. It's quite a relief to know that I did graduate."

### Andover Babe Ruth Opens Season With 9 - 5 Win Over Belmont

Last Monday evening the Andover Babe Ruth team opened its 1965 season, at Belmont, with a 9 to 5 win. Deanny Grant went the route striking out 9 Belmont batters. Bob Tomm was the big hitters for Belmont were Robbins with 3 hits and J. Elliott with 2 hits.

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Friday, June 18th, at 6 p. m.,
Andover opens its home season against Scio. Everyone come out and support the Andover Babc Ruth team.

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# Grange News

West Greenwood Grange
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will-hold its regular meeting on
Saturday, June 19th. 24

### News Briefs Of Local

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### Mrs. Floyd Clarke

Mrs. Celestia Crandall Clarke passed away at her home in In-dependence, Wednesday, June 16-1965.

A native and lifelong resident of Independence, she was born August 23, 1880, the daughter of Maxson and Mary S. Crandall.

She was married to Floyd C. Clarke November 8, 1906 whose death occurred June 21, 1962.

In early life Mrs. Clarke was haptized and joined the Independence Seventh Day Baptist Church and remained an active and faithful member. She was a member of the Ladies Aid Society at the time of her death; served as Trustee of the District School at Independence, also was a member of pendence, also was a member of the Home Bureau Administration Service. She served as a home nurse in her community for several years, as long as her health permitted. To continue her ser-vice to aid others, she donated her eyes to the Eye Bank in Rochester.

Since the death of her father in-law, Orville. Clarke, in 1926, who was the Independence Correspondent for the Andover News, Mrs. Clarke has continued in this

Mrs. Clarke has continued in this capacity and was writing for that Column at the time of her death. Surviving are a son, Decatur; a sister, Mrs. Robert E. Spicer (Grace) of Andover and a brother, E. Rogers Crandall of Bathalo three grandsons, Gerald of Corning, Wally, serving with the United States Navy in Japan and Maxson at home and several nieces and nephews. and nephews.

Funeral services will be held at Funeral services will be need at the Independence Seventh Day Baptist Church, Saturday at 1:00 p. m., with The Rev. Hurley War-ren of Almond, officiating. Bur-ial will be in Independence Ceme-

tery.
Friends may call at the Clarke Homestead and the home of her son, Mr. and Mrs. Decatur Clarke beginning Thursday evening.

## Fourth Of July Celebration News

This year the float theme for the 4th of July Parade is to best portray the theme of the individual organization. Any unit or float entering the parade on the 5th of July, must notify Clayton Barnes or Frank Cahill of their entry by June 25th.

To date, there have only been a few entries in the "Queen Contest" with room for several more as the four runner-up contestants are

the four runner-up contestants are chosen as the "Queen's Atten dants" and are to be in the parade

All monday.

At a meeting of the participating Organizations and the Fire Department, "Doc" Allen was selected to be Grand Marshal of the Parade this year due to his many civic contributions to the Village.

All merchants are again asked

All merchants are again asked this year to decorate their store windows in keeping with the 4th of July Celebration week-end.

The schedule, as it now stands, for the Celebration is:
Sunday, July 4th — 1:00 P. M.
Horse Show on Water St.
P. M. — Ball Game
Monday, July 5th
9:00 a. m.—Ringing of Church

10:30 a. m. — Crowning of
12. 3:00 — Chicken Bar-B-Que
3:00 p. m. Water Fight and
Hose Laying Contest at the School
Grounds,
Ball Game

Ball Game

7:00 p. m. — Band Concert (?)
9:30 p. m. — Fireworks

F.P.O. San Francisco, Calif.

### **Inducted Into Army**

The following registrants of Local Board No. 71. Belmont, New York, have been inducted into the Army and left for Fort Dix, New

Jersey, June 8, 1965:
Dale F. Burgress, Allentown
Larry G. Smith, Cuba
Edward E. Ames, Canaseraga
Virgil O. Garner, Wellsville

Ira Wesley (Wes) Merrill, was found dead in his room at Hotel Joyce this morning when the pro-prietor, Ormel Osgood, sent some one up to find out how he was

cne up to find out how he was feeling since he had complained about having chest pains on the previous day.

Ira Wesley Merrill, born May 20, 1908, in Sheshequin, Bradford County, Fa., the son of Ira C. and Hattie E. Bidlock Merrill.

Mr. Merrill served in the Air Force during World War 11 as a Corporal from May 28, 1942 until November 1, 1945 and was holder of the American Theatre Ribbon and Good Conduct Medal.

He was a resident of Andover and an employee of Steuben Silk Mills for the past 15 years.

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Mr. Merrill is survived by a brother, Erwin Merr 1, 325 Ulster St., Scuth Waveriy, Pa.
The body is at the James B. Mulholland Funeral Home with funeral arrangements incomple e until released by relatives.



Miss Linda Mulconery, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Mulcon-ery, a medical patient in the Jones Memorial Hospital, returned to her

spent from Wednesday until Sat-urday in the St. James Mercy Hospital ill with pneumonia.

Mrs. Pearl Coats, a medical pa-tient in the Bethesda Hospital has returned to her home.

Giver Baker was admitted the St. James Mercy Hospital aunderwent eye surgery Friday.

Norbert Lynch, medical patient in the St. James Mercy Hospital, returned to his home last Thurs

day.

Conrad Church, a medical patient in the Jones Memorial Hospital, expects to be able to return home today (Thursday).

Mrs. Hazel Callaghan underwent surgery Thursday at the St. Francis Hospital in Olean.

Mrs. Katherine Terry was discharged from the Bethesda Hospital Thursday and is convalescing at the Mary's Nursing Home in Wellsville.

Mrs. Howard Burrows was ad.

Mrs. Howard Burrows was admitted to the Bethesda Hospital Sunday and underwent surgery

Tuesday.

Mrs. Anna Fisher was admitted to the Jones Memorial Hospital Monday as a medical patient.

Linda Eshenbaugh was admitted to the Jones Memorial Hospita' last Monday for medical treatment

and X-rays.

Mrs. Charles Pitts was admitted to the Jones Memorial Hospital Monday for medical treatment and observation.

# Library News

The following books have been ded to the Andover Free

'Blue Hen's Chick", by Guthrie 'Great American Cattle Trails',

by Drago
"Small Wonder — The Volks-

"Small wonder — The Volkswagen", by Nelson
"Honker—The Story of a Wild Goose", by McClung
"Simple Machines and How We Use Them", by Fine
"Cloth—From Fiber to Fabric",

"One is No Fun But Twoss Plenty", by Vogel
"4 Cents An Acre—The Story

of the Louisiana Purchase" Hirschfeld MacArthur, Young

"Douglas Protector". Protector", by Long
"One Touch of Nature and
Other Stories", by Chute
"Tico and the Golden Wings".

by Lionni
"My War Wittury", by Berton War With the 20th Cen

## Ira Wesley Merrill News That's Print To Fit

"Oh what is so rare as a day in "Oh what is so rare as a day in June?" seems to be a quotation that comes to our mind when we think of the weather for the past week—and our answer would be. "Most any day in February"! About the only thing that we can be thankful for as far as this cold wet spell of weather is that we don't have a water shortage in our area. But then of course, when it does rain hard—we don't have a shortage of mud either—in our drinking water, that is! in our drinking water, that is! Oh well, some one once said that we have to eat a peck of dirt before we die anyway—but as far as we are concerned, that doesn't apply to having to drink it too!

Speaking of dirt reminds us that its really rough being the Editor of a Weekly Country Newspaper. So much of the information we hear or pick up we can't use for one reason or anotherand most of the rest of it, everyone else knows. Often times we think that some people read the paper to find out what news we've heard that we dare to print.

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As far as we are concerned this isn't the case—. With us its a matter of whether an item is common knowledge and if it isn't—would it hurt the family if it was brought out in the open? If the latter should be the case—then we have to sit on it and maybe never use it. Of course, once something becomes a matter of public Boord than it is accepted. as common knowledge and can he-

With the Fourth of July Cele bration less than 3 weeks away, we can't understand why there

Contest for the affair.

Surely there are a lot of good looking young gals at ACS, so it can't be a shortage of material. Then to, a lot of them must have talent to take part in school plays, athletics, etc.,—so it can't be that they are lacking there. Is it because they aren't interested in an honor like this? Or what is it? If you should know the answer—how about letting us know about it so it can be corrected before thedead-line of the 25th—next week?

After all, a parade isn't complete unless there are some good looking gals all dressed up riding in convertibles for the boys to whistle at. 10-4? take part in school

### Youth Baseball News

## Grasshoppers Meeting

There will be a meeting of the Grasshoppers at the school Saturday, June 19th at 10 A. M., for all boys who are interested.

# LITTLE LEAGUE

In last week's Little League baseball encounters, Friday even-ing the Mets edged the Angels 6 to 5 in a very good, well played

Saturday afternoon the Yankeesbested the Angels by the score of 4-2, in another close game. R Brown and T. Wallace shared 12-strike-outs for the winners. J. Howland had 13, for the Angels Steve Phelps had 3 for 3, at the plate and R. Brown 2 for 3, one a double for the winners. The

plate and R. Brown 2 for 3, one a double for the winners. The Angels 2 hits were by Ronald and Roger Godown.

In this week's action Friday, June 18th at 6:30 at the Silk Mill Diamond, the Yanks will try to end the Mets unbeaten record Saturday, June 19th at 1:30 it is the Angels vs the Mets. Come and support your favorite team.

A work bee will again be held in the Grove, this Saturday and Sunday to prepare the Little Lea-

Sunday to prepare the Little Lea-gue Diamond. Please spare a few hours of your time, so the youngsters may play on this diamond later in the season.

Boost Your Home Town!