

# ANDOVER NEWS

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The Chamber of Commerce Float, winner of the 2nd Prize.

## Fourth of July Celebration "Big" Success

For the third year in a row, the now yearly Annual Fourth of July Celebration, turned out to be a big success which partially rewards the comparatively few people who always wind up by getting stuck with most of the work and headaches.

The "Bells For Freedom" started to peal out around 9:00 A. M., as scheduled and was an auspicious beginning for the day.

The Crowning of the Queen Ceremonies started promptly at 10:30 with the results being a complete surprise to everyone except the Judges and the Committee.

Radio Station WLSV of Wellsville, went on the air from the reviewing stand in front of the Local Branch of The Citizens National Bank at 10:30 and broadcasted from then until 12:30, covering all of the ceremonies, as well as the parade.

Ellen McAndrew was crowned "Queen of the Day" with Cheryl Baker and Sharon Congelli being named as attendants. The contestants then rode in convertibles in the parade behind Parade Marshall "Doc" Allen, who led the Parade riding in the lead convertible behind the American Legion Color Guard.

The Parade which was scheduled to begin at 11:00 was held up a few minutes for the Shinglehouse Fire Department until information was received that they were on a house fire call and wouldn't be able to get over until that was taken care of.

This year there were around 30 units in the parade which is around 10 less than last year with at least four units not being able to put in an appearance as scheduled.

The beautiful horses with their expert riders from the "Southern Tier Riders" and the "Hilltop Riders" Saddle Clubs, together with the Ponies from the Lynch Pony Farm added more color and variety to the Parade.

One of the big hits of the Parade—especially with the children—both big and small, was of course Lynn Langworthy's Steam Traction Engine which went chugging along at its top high speed of 3 miles per hour, with Lynn tooting his assortment of whistles occasionally to make sure that everyone stayed wide-awake.

This year there was quite an assortment of antique cars in line which brought back many memories of yester-years to the older spectators.

Captain Harold Hand, Commanding Officer of the N. Y. National Guard Company in Hornell, reported to us with bad news before the parade and said that evidently there must be a "fix" on them as they wouldn't be able to get their tanks here in time for

the parade. It seems that they had started out with 2 M-41 Tanks escorted by two jeeps and with the road under construction outside of Hornell, had to detour around by North Hornell and up over Pennsylvania Hill. Then before they got to Almond, the lead tank stopped dead in the middle of the road and just wouldn't run. In a case like this—they were going to have to tow the disabled tank out of the road and take it somewhere where they could work on it. This was certainly a tough break for the 8 National Guardsmen, as their participation in the Parade was strictly on a volunteer basis and done without pay or allowances and repairs of this type take a great deal of time and hard labor as well as technical knowledge.

The Boy Scouts certainly earned there 1st prize that they won in the float contest as it was really outstanding and must have taken a lot of effort. The Chamber of Commerce float took 2nd place with the Vars Pharmacy float taking 3rd.

Ronald Taylor, Chairman of the Bar-B-Que Dinner Committee, reports that around 500 dinners were sold and said that they regretted that the dinners were rather slow starting but the chickens which were supposed to be delivered by 10:00, didn't arrive until around 11:00 which put the dinner around an hour to an hour and a half late. Ron also told us that they had many carry-out dinners ordered in advance so that as the chickens were cooked, these dinners were taken care of at the same rate as for the ones served at the Fire Hall which could only be considered the fair way of distribution for everyone.

In the entertainment in the afternoon, trophies were awarded to the Shinglehouse Fire Dept., who won the water fight; the Belmont Fire Dept., for winning the hose laying contest; and the Hinsdale Fire Dept., who won the Bucket Brigade; with the Allentown Fire Dept., being judged the Best Appearing.

The spirited baseball game later in the afternoon between the "so-called" "Old-Timers" vs the local Babe Ruth team ended up with the latter evening up last year's score by winning.

An estimated 2,500 cars lined the roads, streets, and parking places with between 5,000 to 6,000 spectators from the surrounding area in the evening for the Fireworks Display, which was set-off by Frank Cahill, assisted by Larry Rogers, Gary Hoagland Clayton Barnes and Dick Schrader.

The Horse Show Sunday afternoon was broadcast live over WLSV from 12:30 to 2:30 P. M. and was well attended, with Tom Day being high point man and winner of the trophy.

Later on Sunday afternoon, the softball game ended up with the Firemen reportedly taking a drubbing with a football score of 42 to 21, with a coalition Legion team walking away the winner.

## News That's Print To Fit

Well here we are again, crowded for space, and with a short week to get the paper out in—as well as being pushed ahead of dead-line time due to the new Post Office Schedule. Oh well, never a dull moment!

The 4th of July is over again with its resultant head-aches—but judging from some of the bangs we've heard this week—some people don't know its over with and past. Seems like we saw in the paper just the other night that a couple of lads up Buffalo Way got nailed \$25 a piece in fines for shooting off fireworks. Could happen here—thus a word to the wise—should be sufficient!

With some of the copy on the results of the 4th of July Celebration not coming in to us until today—the list of the donors to the Fireworks Fund will have to give way until next week to make way for this extra added stuff that we hadn't counted on. Then too other news that was overlooked or just didn't get into us will have to be taken care of next week.

We understand that Edward Halsey of Greenwood, went home the winner of a beautiful pair of pillows that were donated by Betty Bixby in a contest held over the Celebration week-end. 10-4?

Seems as if the National Guard Boys were not the only ones that had had luck for the Parade as our friend "Dick", "the Roving Photographer", had a 35mm roll of film that he took on him while he was taking pictures of the parade—as luck would have it—the prize winning float of the Boy Scouts was on that roll. However, Dick tells us that he thinks he had a color shot of it—so if this is the case, we may still be able to have a photo in next week's paper of this float along with any other that might have been missed.

Boy things must be just a booming for some of the local residents. Judging from so many people blowing forth with new cars and trucks. Perhaps it is the summer weather—or else maybe the wise ones are just saving themselves some money before the 2% sales tax goes into effect. At any rate, Center St., seems to be rated real high on the "Gold Coast" list with "Doc" Crawford sporting a Chrysler "New Yorker"; "Doc" Allen, a new Cadillac; and we saw one of those there bucking Broncos, naw, guess they call them Mustangs—in Howard McAndrew's driveway. Then we hear that Dick Harder has a new "Caddy" as well as Paul Childs.

We also looked over "Uncle Frank's new Chevy pick-up that is as new and red as any fire-engine—and tonight, yours truly plans on driving out to Detroit to pick up a new Red Dodge truck for the Silk Mill.

Besides these, we see that Miles is driving a classy looking Chrysler 300; and friend "Dick" has a different car—but still in the Chrysler line. Too bad that we can't keep up with the Joneses—but from the looks of our bank account it will be a couple of years more before we can say its "my car"—not "our" car—meaning the Banks and ours. Oh well, such is life! Guess that if you have your good health—you have almost everything important anyway.

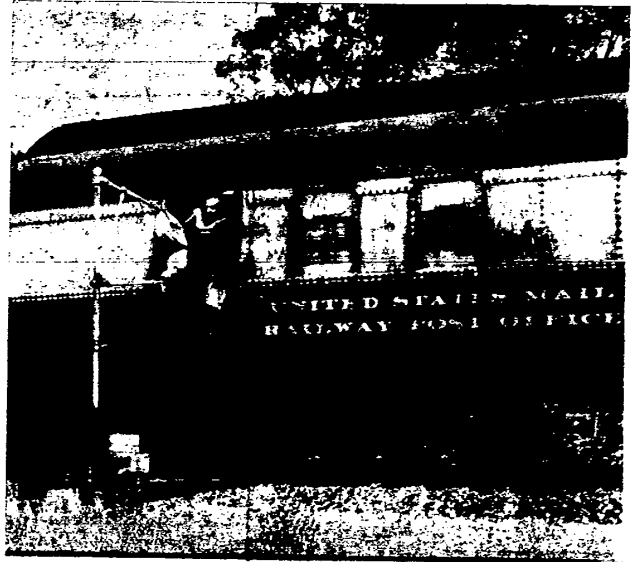
## Scout News

The July Meeting of the Troop Committee of the Boy Scouts will be held this Monday, July 12th at the American Legion Home at 8 p. m.

## Grange News

Andover Grange will meet Wednesday evening, July 14th at 7:30 for a picnic supper. Each family attending bring hot dogs or ham burgers and rolls for own family and a dish to pass.

The regular meeting will be held afterwards.



The last bag of mail is picked up by the Railway Post Office which closes another era in Railroad Service to Andover. Photo by Wittie

## Loren L. Short

Loren L. Short, 60, of Andover R.D. 1, died Tuesday, July 6, 1965 at his home in Elm Valley, following a short illness.

Born Jan. 7 1905, in Knoxville, Pa., Mr. Short was a son of Lovel and May Goodwin Short. He had been employed by the Home Co. Company in Wellsville. In 1920 he was married to Mertle Quackenbush, who survives.

Also surviving are a daughter, Mrs. Merton (Norma) Preston of Elm Valley; two brothers, Alfred Short of Elmira and Dean Short of Lawrenceville, Pa.; a sister, Mrs. Minnie Southworth of Wellsboro, Pa.; and four grandchildren.

Mr. Short was a member of the Andover Masonic Lodge No. 557 F.S.A.M., and the Corning Consistory.

Friends may call at the family residence, where Masonic Services will be held Thursday at 8 p. m., and where funeral services will be conducted Friday at 2 p. m. The Rev. Glenn E. Bucher of the Wellsville Methodist Church will officiate. Burial will be in Hillside Cemetery, Andover.

## Mail Schedule Change

Star Route 35623

Elmira - Wellsville

Part A

Arrival 11:00 a. m.—Mail Closing 10:30 a. m.

Part B

Arrival 3:40 p. m.—Mail Closing 3:00 p. m.

Arrival 5:50 p. m.—Mail Closing 5:15 p. m.

RPO Service on the Railroads discontinued effective 1 July 1965.

Changes being made in the Sectional Center Concept, will result in a reduction in the number of Sectional Centers in New York State from 37 to 21. Hornell was eliminated as a Sectional Center on July 1st. Now practically all mail for Andover originates at the Elmira Sectional Center including dispatch of mails from the trains.

Per above schedule: The receipt of mail will occur twice a day only early morning before office is opened and again at 3:40 p. m.

The dispatch of mail will also occur twice a day only, at 11:00 a. m. and 5:50 p. m.

## Masonic Notice

Andover Lodge No. 558 F. & A. M., will hold a Masonic Funeral Service for Deceased Brother Loren L. Short at the family home on the Alfred-Elm Valley Road, Thursday evening at 8 o'clock. Members will meet at the Masonic Temple at 7:30 p. m. to attend in a group.

George Hall, Master

A spool of thread is known as a "reel of cotton" in England.

Although the Erie Railroad arrived in Andover in 1851, The Railroad Post Office was not instituted on the railroads until around 1900. Shortly after this with the Railroad in high gear, The Erie Station became the center of activity. Practically everything came into town by rail, including the U. S. Mail. Of course back in those days the trains were regularly scheduled to stop.

The mail was brought from the station to the Post Office by Team and Wagon. One of the early Mail Messengers was John Burns and George Vickers who also operated a dray service. Henry Baker was the last mail carrier, bringing the mail by both cart and sled.

About 1930 when the scheduled stop of trains at Andover was eliminated, a Mail Crane was installed below the station and Catcher Pouch Service began. With the train in full motion, mail was dispatched and received. Larger sacks containing Parcels and Magazines were trucked to the station and then transferred to the Post Office, by the Mail Messenger. Jack Dolan assumed the duties at this time, followed by his wife Helen Dolan, who carried the mail until 1950. Helen hauled the mail by cart and sled too, but did use a car.

The Railway Express soon contracted to haul the bulk of the mail to the Station until the Railroad phased this out in 1953. After this the Express Truck delivered the mail to the Post Office until about 1960. Private Contractors operating Star Routes took over the duties next and now with the railroad service eliminated, the entire mail service is performed with trucks.

Other Mail Messengers were Sidney Kaple, Walter A. Green, James McAndrew and Veronica Gavin who carried the mail until the close of business on 30 June 1965.

Thus after over sixty years of continuous service, the Railroad Post Office is phased out at Andover.

## Youth Baseball News

The past two weeks Little League games were postponed and will be made up at later dates.

This week's schedule is as follows:

Friday at 6:30 p. m., on the Silk Mill Diamond, the Mets meet the Angels.

There will be a make-up game Saturday at 1:30 p. m. The teams will be announced at the Friday contest.

Monday at 6:30 p. m., it's the Angels versus the Yankees.

Wednesday, July 14th, the Yankees will meet the Mets at 6:30 p. m.