

PURE SPRING WATER?

An Editorial

According to the Chamber of Commerce signs at the Village entrances, one of the blessings of the Village of Andover is that we have PURE SPRING WATER! Would we be too temerous to ask for a reasonable definition of this — "Pure Spring Water"?

According to Webster's Dictionary the word Pure means: "(1). free from anything that adulterates, taints, etc; unmixed."

If we go by this meaning then, we don't have pure spring water to drink here in Andover! One smell or whiff of the water when you turn a faucet on tells us that there certainly is a quantity of chlorine in it. And of course sometimes when it rains — the water is muddy, murky — or call it what you will. Any rate there is enough sediment in it so that it will settle in the bottom of a jar, glass, or even your hot water tank.

At the last two Village Board Meetings this subject has been under discussion, with several samples of water containing this condition being brought in to the Village Office for inspection.

In fact, during the last Village Board meeting we suggested that a sample of this water be taken to a laboratory and analyzed to see if it could be determined what was in it and where it was coming from.

Thus, the next morning we took a quart jar of water that we had drawn from the faucet when it was murky, down to the Village Office, intending to leave it there for analyzing. However, we were told that there was no need of leaving it there as it would just get thrown out since that was what was going to happen to the other two samples sitting on the desk.

Since we didn't feel that this was a very constructive attitude to take when something as important as our drinking water was concerned, we proceeded to do something about it.

The following letter is at least a beginning, from which we hope that the Village Fathers will take some aggressive, immediate action to affect a solution to this unpleasant situation.

THORNTON COMPANY
Wellsville, N. Y.

June 28, 1965

Mr. Ralph Allen
Andover News
Andover, New York
Subject: Murky water in the distribution system after a rain.

Dear Mr. Allen:

On June 10, 1965, a sample of water from downtown Andover was received in our laboratory. In this quart water sample there was nearly 1/2" of greenish gray sediment. At the surface of the water in the jar there was a brown oily-appearing ring on the side of the glass wall.

Some of the sediment of the water was placed on a slide for microscopic examination. By magnification of 50 times, the material had green algae color as a whole, but there were a few brown colored particles throughout. The brown pieces would be iron material possibly from the pipe lines. The green particles upon drying were very silt-like. Under the microscope, with the material wet or dry, there was nearly no stringy algae on the microscope slide.

From this examination, I feel the sediment is from some surface source like a creek or run that feeds the springs through a short run of gravel to the spring underground vein. A good way to check this murky water condition would be to examine the surface above the springs for a possible visible intake to the veins from a run or a creek. In fact, it could be just run-off water during a hard rain into a marshy spot.

If I can be of any further help in solving this water condition, please advise.

Very truly yours,

THORNTON COMPANY
JAMES C. WATERMAN, Water Consultant

From our layman's point of view, this problem could be solved by following the logical procedure that is followed in writing a news story—ie.: Who? (or subject); What?; Where; When?; How?

In this case the subject—is our drinking water that can mean health or sickness to us and our loved ones; the What—is foreign substance; the Where—is in our drinking water; the When—is just about every time it rains; and the \$64,000 Dollar Question—is HOW it is getting there—with the next question being WHERE?

Now that we have at least scratched the surface—lets have some support to see if this problem—as well as our water—can't be cleared up!

If YOU—The Public—are interested enough—the next regular monthly Village Board Meeting is this coming Tuesday night, July 13th at 8:00 P. M. This is the time and place to discuss as serious a problem as this—not on the Street Corners—or over the backyard fence. 10-47

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50 YEARS AGO

July 2, 1914

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Married—at the Presbyterian Church Monday, June 28th, Archie Chapman and Miss Libbie Weeks, both of Andover.

Miss Esther Northrup of Corn- ing is assisting as bookkeeper and stenographer in the State Bank.

C. E. Baker caught a brown trout Thursday night which tipped the scales at 4 1/4 pounds.

Mrs. Frances Ensworth and Mrs. Georgianna Hardy are Andover Delegates to the WCTU County Convention held at Canaseraga this week.

Mrs. Elba Howland and son, Aaron, of Allowe, Okla., are here for a few weeks visit with relatives.

Miss Grace Cheesman left for Rochester Monday where she entered Mechanics Institute for a six weeks summer course.

Harland Robinson passed Saturday and Sunday at Friendship, guests of his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. George Watson.

Miss Julia Raufenbarth is home from Linbrook where she has been teaching for the summer vacation.

Mrs. Johnson and daughter, Miss Melva of Philadelphia, Pa., are in Andover to pass the summer vacation.

40 YEARS AGO

July 3, 1925

J. H. Backus & Son, Publishers

Frank M. Lee, 74, died Wednesday, July 1st at his home at Tip Top. His wife and a daughter, Mrs. Mabel Williams and four grandchildren survive.

E. V. Akin has purchased the Tracy residence on Pleasant Ave. of Mrs. Margaret Hallett and will move to Andover from Jamestown soon.

Dr. Storer has rented the J. P. Smith residence on Main St. and will move his family and office here in the near future. Mr. and Mrs. Smith and family are moving to Bradford, Pa., where Mr. Smith is engaged in the oil business.

Miss Lenora Dean of Cleveland, Ohio came home Monday to enjoy the summer vacation with her people.

E. C. Langworthy left Monday for Ithaca where he is in attendance at the State Trap Shoot held there this week.

Mrs. Hattie B. Eggleston left Andover Tuesday for New York City, where she sailed Wednesday on the liner Lancaster, which has been chartered for the Clark's Mediterranean and Norway Cruise. The trip is scheduled for a seven weeks duration.

Clayton Bennett of Binghamton spent the week-end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Bennett.

30 YEARS AGO

July 5, 1935

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Eleanor Mae Greene and Frank C. Clemens of Wellsville were united in marriage Sunday, June 30th. They were attended by Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Jones of Andover.

C. H. Watson has closed his Jewelry Store in the B. A. Clair building after 17 years.

Miss Pauline Sara Murray and Gordon W. Pease, both of Green- wood, were united in marriage Sunday, June 23rd.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bassett and son, Charles of Bethlehem Pa., came Saturday to spend the summer with his mother, Mrs. Esther Bassett of Independence.

Miss Elizabeth Bassett of New York City is passing her summer vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Bassett.

Miss Gertrude Sayer, 81, of Buffalo, spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Joyce and also attended the Confirmation of her sisters, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Huffcutt spent Saturday and Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Huffcutt at Auburn.

"Red's" Racetrack Rambles

Hello again, all you smoke eating racing fans! Well, the weather warmed up a little bit over at the Bradford Speedway Thurs- day night with a nice crowd turning out to see the races and enjoy the racing action. Friday night in

the feature race, the Modern 35 Lap Feature at the Hornell Raceway Sunday night had more than its quota of thrills and chills with 2 breath-taking crashes that halted the race each time until the drivers could be pulled from their wrecked cars and given medical attention.

In the 16th lap, Jim Hakes, No. 37, was really pushing his Ford, when he did a spectacular end-over-end flip and series of rolls as he went off the track between the No. 3 and No. 4 turns with his car literally disintegrating around him. The force of the impact was so great that it tore the body loose from the frame, completely "totaling" the racer with "Jim" receiving a nasty cut on his head when his crash helmet almost split in two.

"Jim" was rushed to the St. James Mercy Hospital in Hornell where his condition was reported as not too serious on his arrival and after given emergency treatment, was released. "Jim" is reported as saying that his accelerator pedal stuck down which prevented him from slowing down and thus caused the accident.

After the wrecked No. 37 was hauled from the track, the race was restarted, only to be halted again after a few laps when "Don" Wood, driving No. 203, did another flip in just about the same spot where Hakes went over the bank. However, in this crash "Don" emerged from his car unhurt although his classy looking No. 203 was pretty well battered up—but with at least having the possibility of being able to be fixed up.

Shortly after the restart, Bill Layfield was able to move out into the No. 1 position and came in to win the Checkered Flag and Trophy; with Floyd Green, No. 7, in the runner-up slot; Ronny Hurd, No. 97, 3rd; Basil Schutt, No. 13, 4th; and Paul Hideck, No. 6 1/2, 5th.

For a brief re-cap of the other racing results: In the Moderns—Jim Hakes, No. 37, won the 1st heat; Floyd Green, No. 7, took the 2nd; and Don Wood, No. 203, captured the "Consy".

In the Sportsman Class: Don Halliday, No. 11/16, took the 1st heat; Herby Layfield, won the 2nd; and Mike Potter, No. 62, the "Consy".

In the Feature, Don Halliday won the "Checker"; with Howie Slocum, No. 184, placing 2nd; Herby Layfield, No. 45, 3rd; Dick Bunn, No. 69, 4th; and Jim Harding, No. 35, 5th. In this race as Herby had worked his way up to the lead and held it for several laps until his right rear tire went flat so he was forced to "ease off" in order to keep his car on the track and finish "in the money". Well folks, so long for now—and see you at the races— we hope!

Letters To The Editor

Andover, N. Y.
June 28, 1965

Editors Of Andover News

Dear Sirs:

As Historian of our Village, I try to visit and make notes on any interesting historical events. I have a little time to catch up on neglected work at home!

Historian,
Bessie Mulconery

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