

## News That's Print To Fit

**LATE FLASH!**

Boy, those Canadians on the other side of town (Rochambeau Ave.) that is sure must live right or else they have an "in" with City Hall. Yes Sir! First they got rid of a lot of "deadwood" and now this week they get their curb, shoulder of the Street and drainage problem all nicely sorted at once. How about that?

Seriously speaking though, raising the low spot in the Street and black-topping the section between the Street and Sidewalk as well as putting in that section of curbing should go a long way towards solving a problem that has been miserable every time it has rained.

Time after time we have seen cars go "barrelling" through the big puddles that would remain there for hours after a rain—with no regard for the pedestrians that have to use the sidewalk on that side (after all—there isn't a sidewalk on the other side of the Street). If the pedestrian happened to be alert, young, and fleet of foot—he might have been lucky enough to run over on the lawn far enough to escape the muddy water. Otherwise, he ended up with a muddy shower bath!

Now the City Fathers can turn around and receive some well deserved pats on the back—from us included! (Last week it was a boot—this week it's a pat; things like this rhyme—how about that!)

Now all they have to do to earn our "meritorious service award" is to see that the cement railing on the West side of the Main Street Bridge is torn off so that problem can be felled with one big swoop. 10-4!

(We know that we are not alone in our thoughts about this as we received and printed "a letter to the Editor" this week on the Editorial Page.) Any other comments?

Do you know what today is? In case your calendar didn't tell you—it's the first day of Autumn! Yep, the Autumn equinox, when the sun crosses "the line" at the beginning of Fall, occurred at 1:06 A. M., today. Now, if you are superstitious—or believe in old legends dating back to the American Revolution, you will be looking for an unusually violent storm to occur. And what will you call it? A "line storm" of course! Actually, statistics support such an idea as Hurricanes are most prevalent at this time of year—and even now, Hurricane Carol is gathering force somewhere in the Atlantic.

Just a reminder to all you Deer Hunters—better get those Deer Pery Permits in the Mail-box Monday if you want to have a good crack at getting one approved.

While on the Memory Bit" don't forget that this week-end is the 5th Annual Grape Festival at Naples, N. Y.

This annual festival opens Friday afternoon at 3:00 P. M., with the "Carnival and Exhibits Open"; "Firemen's Unique Torchlight Parade" at 7:30 P. M.; Free "Street Dance" from 9 - 11; and "Gigantic Display of Fireworks" at 11 P. M.

Sat., Sept. 25th—"Carnival and Exhibits" open at 10 A. M., with a "Tour of Wine Cellars" from 10 A. M. - 1 P. M. "Grape Festival Parade" at 2 P. M. Musical Entertainment All Day. "Grape Festival Ball" from 9 - 1 and the Crowning of the King, Queen, and Princesses.

Sunday, the 26th, the "Carnival and Exhibits" open at 1 P. M.

Then if you are looking for a nice place to eat a full course dinner—that even includes an appetizer—try Bob and Ruth's new place called "The Vineyard"—it's right there on the Main Drive where the road turns off to go to Middlesex and Geneva. (How do we know? Well yet you in on a little secret—we've been there before.) (And even have a sample menu at the News Office to prove it.)

### Rev. Ward B. Flaxington

The funeral and committal services for the Rev. Ward B. Flaxington of 62 Genesee St., Hornell, who died while on a camping trip near Maryland, Vt., Wednesday night, were held Monday in the First Presbyterian Church in Hornell.

Rev. Flaxington was well known in this area and was at one time supply minister in the Andover Presbyterian Church.

With a reputation as a speaker, he had toured widely, lecturing for Chambers of Commerce and service clubs. A former lecturer on the Chautauqua circuit, he was a speaker for the School Assembly Service and spoke at high schools and colleges throughout the eastern part of United States.

During World War I he served with the 307th Field Artillery of the 78th Army Division and saw front line service in France.

He had retired June 12 as a professor of general studies at State Agricultural and Technical College at Alfred where he had taught courses in communism and investments for several years.

Survivors include his wife, the former Miss Cassandra Holland of St. Paul, Minn.; three daughters, Mrs. Russell King of Hyde Park, Mass., Mrs. Robert Meyers of Plattsburgh and Miss Audrey Flaxington of El Cerito, Calif.; one sister, Mrs. Dorrance Whitman of Rochester; and several grandchildren.

at the farm, Angelo sent word to the Castle that his old time American GI friend had returned to visit him so they were promptly invited there for a visit as well as guests for dinner.

During the conversation with the family of the Baroness, the Americans were told how badly their hosts had felt when President Kennedy was killed, and how they had cried and said prayers for him at that time.

Thus when they parted, Herald gave each of the hosts a Kennedy half dollar which pleased them so much that they insisted that he accept 2 bottles of their prize wine to take back home to America. (This later proved to be no mean feat, as they had to be taken thru Custom Offices in 2 different countries—but was still accomplished successfully.)

Before leaving his old friends Herald was told that Angelo had had a Mass said every day in the Hospital Chapel, after learning of his forth-coming visit, praying that his wife would still be alive and be able to recognize the visitor—as she had only been given a few more weeks to live according to the Doctor there.

After a tearful parting, the Ford Family toured thru Switzerland and France on their way back to England, stopping to see some of the more famous tourist sights en route.

The Fords then spent a few more days in England, enjoyed a pleasant Atlantic crossing back to the States which was made in 5 days, and returned to Andover the first part of this week.

In discussing the conditions in Italy during our interview, Herald remarked that the white cattle that were working the farms when he was there—are all replaced now with "Ford" tractors.

Another point of interest was that the shops and markets were full of food that could be purchased reasonably by the local people—which was in direct contrast to the shortages of food and starving children which was prevalent during the war days as well as immediately afterwards.

This tended to show the state of recovery of the economy of the country. Meals at the fancier Hotels and Eating Places are still rather high, but the food in the markets is cheaper than here in the United States. According to Mr. Ford, in the six days that they were in Italy, they were approached only once for an appeal for money or bread.

Herald also told us that the feeling in Italy of the common people is very warm towards Americans as a whole, which is

### Mrs. Raymond Terry

Mrs. Katherine Folsing Terry, widow of Raymond C. Terry, died Tuesday afternoon at Mary's Nursing Home in Wellsville, after a lengthy illness. She resided at Pleasant Ave., in Andover.

Mrs. Terry was a retired teacher and was in the Elmira Public School Systems and served 34 years at Elmira before her retirement in 1957.

She was born in the Town of Alfred July 29, 1892, the daughter of Michael and Anna Will Folsing. June 24, 1943 she was united in marriage with Raymond C. Terry.

Mrs. Terry was a member of the Andover Presbyterian Church.

Surviving are five sisters, Mrs. Guy (Emma) Tucker, Miss Elizabeth Folsing and Mrs. Fay (Helen) Boyd, all of Andover; Mrs. James (Luise) Fuller of New York City and Mrs. Margaret Burns, Lake Worth, Fla. One niece also survives.

Friends may call from 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 at the James B. Mulholland Funeral Home, Church St., Andover, where the Rev. Willis V. Poole of the Presbyterian Church will conduct funeral and committal services at 1:30 p. m. Friday. Burial will be at Woodlawn Cemetery, Elmira.

### Andover Masonic Lodge To Observe 100 Anniversary

Andover Masonic Lodge No. 558 F. & A. M., will celebrate its One Hundredth Anniversary Sunday, October 10th at the Andover Central School. Dinner will be served at 6 P. M. in the School Cafeteria by the Ladies of the Eastern Star. Meeting at 8 p. m. in the School Auditorium. Most Worshipful Clarence J. Henry, Grand Master of Masons in the State of New York will be the Principal speaker. Price for dinner is \$2.50 per plate.

Make reservations with E. N. Clair, Andover, N. Y.



Ellis Horsfall was admitted to the Bethesda Hospital Tuesday as a medical patient.

Mrs. Howard C. McAndrew (Hazel) was admitted to the Jones Memorial Hospital Wednesday as a medical patient.

### New Arrivals

Mr. and Mrs. James F. Mulholland are the parents of an 8-lb. 2-oz. son, James Rodney, born Tuesday evening, September 21, 1965 at the Jones Memorial Hospital. Mrs. James B. Mulholland of Grove St., is the paternal grandmother.

### OES Notice

The regular meeting of Anna W. McArthur Chapter, 242, OES, will be held Monday evening, Sept. 27th at 8:00 p. m. at the Masonic Hall. Lunch committee: Gail Taylor, Alberta Rogers and Virginia Weber.

### Family Swim Program

The Family Swim Program will be held on Thursday nights beginning Thursday, September 30, at the School Pool. Hours will be 7:30 to 8:30 p. m.

in direct contrast to that which he felt while in France.

Now that we have reported the "high-lights" and actual facts of an Ex-GI's return trip to visit his old friends made during World War II, how many of you Veterans have considered this same thing? If your memories are as fond as this—better not wait too much longer!



Courtesy of Wittie

## EX-GI Keeps Promise Made 21 Years Ago

Herald Ford, of Ford & Peckham, and a GI in World War II, recently returned from a European Trip which saw the fulfillment of a promise made to an Italian family who had befriended him while serving in the 815th Engineers in Italy during World War II.

Mr. Ford met Angelo and Gina Piccinetti while recuperating from a malaria attack suffered in Southern Italy. The family was very kind to the American Soldier and shared what little they had during the war-time shortages, with Herald recalling that he enjoyed many meals of "spaghetti and vino bianco" with them.

Mr. and Mrs. Piccinetti were farmers on the estate of a Baroness and were fortunate in that they were able to raise food stuff for their own use, while in the most parts of Italy, children and grown-ups alike were starving to death.

Herald first met the Italian family in early October when his outfit was stationed nearby engaged in building an airstrip for a U. S. Fighter Squadron. Later on, he happened to call on the family on All Souls Day (Nov. 2nd) while they were praying at the picture of their son who had been killed on the Russian Front, and joined them in their devotions.

This sympathetic act endeared him to this hard working farm family and before the evening was over they invited him to plan on joining them for their Christmas Dinner which was still almost 2 months away.

According to Herald, the family started their preparations for this dinner at that time and gradually added to it right up until the last minute. Just before Christmas, the family extended an invitation to five more of Herald's GI Buddies so that it became a gala occasion for the entire group.

This "Grande Festa" consisted of 14 courses which started at 1:00 p. m., and lasted until 1 a. m., with a 2-hour break for taking care of the evening farm chores. It included a roast lamb, a roast suckling pig, chicken prepared 3 different ways, rabbit, and many different types of spaghetti and spaghetti sauces. A different kind of wine was served with each meat course—and all this wine was that which they had saved from the beginning of World War II. In 1949, for the celebration of their son's return from the war and whom they had recently been notified had been killed in Russia.

Shortly after Christmas, Herald and his outfit were moved to Southern Italy, but before leaving,

he promised the couple that he would be back to see them sometime—but he didn't know when or how—but he would be back to see them!

Early this summer, while rummaging thru some old sources and correspondence, Mr. Ford ran across a letter from Angelo that he had received shortly after his return to the States at the end of World War II. This brought back a flood of memories together with his promise made to the Italian couple, so he took the letter to Mrs. Bill Ninos of Hornell, a friend of his, who was able to translate it for him and put the true meaning into American terms. Mrs. Ninos then wrote a letter for him in Italian in an effort to locate the couple and received an answer in short time telling that they were in rather dire circumstances and didn't have much longer to live.

The Ex-GI immediately talked things over with his business partner and family with the result that plans were made for a trip to Europe retracing his Army route as much as possible.

Herald had gone overseas on the Queen Elizabeth troop ship in May, 1944, landing in Scotland—but the closest he could come to this was by booking passage on a sister ship—Queen Mary.

Mr. Ford and his wife, together with their 19 year old son, Bill, 11 year old daughter, Polly, and 9 year old son, Roger, sailed from N. Y. on August 18th, arriving in England 6 days later on the 24th. The trip took a little longer than that made under war conditions as this was a pleasure cruise—not a troop movement. During the war the trip was made in 2 days according to Herald, with the ship altering course every 7 minutes to avoid a hit by a torpedo.

The Ford family stayed in London until the 27th and then hired a car and driver for the rest of their journey thru France, Switzerland and Italy.

After arriving in Italy, it took them 2 days to locate and find the hospital in Ponsacco (in the Province of Pisa) where the elderly couple were patients and wards of the Province.

Needless to say, the reunion was a happy one with Angelo and Herald reminiscing for many hours—and when his long unused Italian language faltered him—the would revert to the age-old universal "sign language".

Later on, Angelo was entertained at dinner and the next day traveled with the Ford Family to visit his former farm and Herald's Rivonara area. While there