

## News That's Print To Fit

Since the weather seems to be the foremost topic of conversation these days, let's cover that first and get it recorded down for posterity. To begin with, we have had at least another six to eight inches more of snow the last few days, and its starting to become a standing joke about getting some nice clean snow to cover up that old dirty stuff from yesterday.

Then of course, when the mercury dips way down below zero 3 times in the past week, well, everyone around here starts to worry about their cars starting in the morning or their water pipes freezing.

Here are the recorded temperatures for the past week thru the courtesy of the "Boys down at the Pump Station": Thursday the 8th — L minus 11, H 3; 9th — L minus 14, H 3; 10th — L 2, H 18; 11th — L 7, H 22; 12th — L 12, H 22; 13th — L 9, H 20; 14th — L 5, H 11; and today, the 15th — L minus 21, H 25. And, the sun actually shone all day, and we didn't have any snow (so far). How about that?

Along with the weather, we want to mention the fact that we have heard a lot of favorable comment about the snow removal project on Main St. that was carried out by a joint effort of the Town and Village of Andover.

It seems that many people did notice the fine cooperation that was worked out between Village and Town Officials and heartily approve these fine efforts. As long as the Town has the necessary equipment and a time schedule can be worked out so that it doesn't conflict with the needs of the Town, it certainly can save both groups some money which helps ALL of the Taxpayers.

In case local residents have not noted an influx of the canine population every Sat for the last 10 weeks, it isn't that "Andover is going to the dogs" — it's just the reverse!

We are glad to see that there were enough local youngsters interested enough to enroll in a dog obedience course — and that Town Officials in Andover co-operated to make it possible.

We understand that courses had been scheduled in other places in the County — but had to be dropped because no place was made available to hold them in during the winter months.

From our standpoint of view, a project like this is certainly worthwhile if youngsters are willing to take the time and trouble to work with and train their pets since everyone benefits from their efforts. 10-4?

We noticed in the Jan. 14th issue of the Buffalo Evening News, that Don Gardner, one of the top racing snowmobile pilots fears that the racing and recreational sport is having the same growing pains that curtailed go-karting the last decade.

According to the News item, Gardner, commented on strict regulations for snowmobiles pending in Albany, and state: "it was a mistake for the state to license snowmobiles to run on roads and highways; they never did for go-karts. Snowmobiles are even more dangerous on highways. They can't be steered."

And hundreds of unlicensed boys and girls, many of them only ten, are risking their lives driving snowmobiles on roads all over Western New York and in Metropolitan Buffalo.

**NOTE: These are not our words!** They are the words of an expert driver and snowmobile owner.

And, while on the subject, guess we might as well comment on the informal public meeting held Saturday night at the Village Hall to discuss the snowmobile problem.

It appeared to us to have much of the stage setting of an old time "Western Movie" replete even with the "Cowboys & Indians"

cast. We commend the Village Board for attempting to come up with something constructive in an effort to put an end to the complaints that they have been receiving but no logical conclusion seemed to be forthcoming as the "cast seemed to steal the scene".

It seemed as if "the Cowboys" (the good guys) were willing to cooperate and take the feelings of their friend, neighbors and Countrymen into consideration — while the "Indians" (nameless), felt that since "the Great White Father" had sold them a "bill of goods" in the form of a \$5 registration fee, they were going "to run them" whenever and wherever they pleased — and if people didn't like it — they could turn in complaints.

In fact, from our standpoint of view, the only thing positive that was accomplished was that several of those present heaped some words of abuse or unpleasanties on our head to perhaps venture their spite or maybe to settle an old grudge that we were even unaware of — that had absolutely nothing to do with the matter under discussion.

One of these confrontations apparently stemmed from a reference we had in last week's column to a "Chic Sale Specialty House" as a place where rumors sometimes originate. In plain Army language we called the place where many rumors started — a Latrine — which be as plain or fancy as conditions afforded. And, so the pre-war generation could enjoy the reference, we went back to the early '30s to a humorous book that was popular at that time.

Thus, so everyone can be in on the "know", the book was: "The Specialist" by Chic Sale which extolled the virtues of the different types of construction of a house known in that era as an "outhouse" or "backhouse", sometimes called a "two, or three-holer."

Sorry to say, this book is not available at the local Library — although it is listed in the catalogue of published books. So, if anyone locally owns one of these books would they please donate it to our local Library for the benefit of any possible readers who might like to complete their education along this line?

After this "bit of repartee" was concluded, another "jack-in-the box" popped up in the form of an accusation of us being "an ambulance chaser". This was so absolutely ludicrous that it was difficult to believe our ears — but apparently this poor mis-guided soul was under the delusion that it was so! Anyone living in town — and especially in our business — knows that a Telephone is a mighty handy convenience, as all you have to do is dial a number — ask a question — and lo! There is the answer of who the ambulance took where! No muss, no fuss, no sweat, no pain — as simple as that.

In fact, if we were to chase an ambulance, we could easily end up in the same situation that the dog that chased cars found himself in — what could he do with it after he caught it?

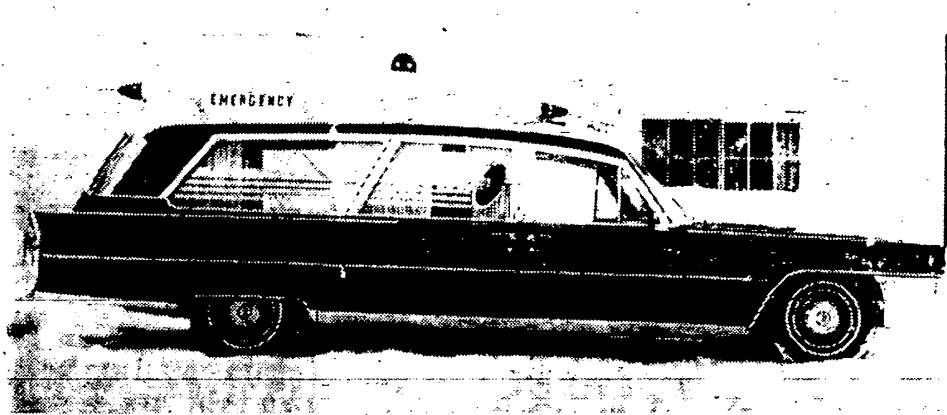
And then, what really rounded the evening out, was when we were accused of something like unfavorable publicity — on an accident that we didn't even print a story about — even tho the rescue squad ambulance report is known to many, and might even be considered a public record — since it was purchased and maintained by public-tax money.

So, after "the battle of words" we emerged from the fray with our head neither "bowed or bloody". How about that? 39 without —!

### WSCS Notice

The monthly meeting of the WSCS will be held in the Methodist Church, Tuesday, January 20th at 7:30 p. m. The Committee in charge is: Alberta Rogers, Jean Dunham, Helen Miles and Bea Whiting.

Janette Horan will have charge of the program.



### Mrs. E. R. Eller

Mrs. E. R. (Ildra) Eller, Second St., Andover, died Sunday, January 11, 1970 in the St. James Mercy Hospital, Hornell, following a long illness.

Born June 28, 1901, she was a daughter of Hiram and Winifred Joseph Harris.

A graduate of Alfred University, she taught there before moving to Pittsburgh, Pa., where she taught at the Shady Side Academy. She retired in 1965 and moved to Andover two years ago. She was a member of the Third Presbyterian Church of Pittsburgh.

Surviving with her widower who lives in Pittsburgh, are a daughter, Miss Margaret Eller, New York City; a son, Stephen of Savannah, Ga.; three grandchildren; and two brothers, Carl and Clyde Harris, both of Andover.

Funeral and committal services were held Tuesday at 3 p. m., at the James B. Mulholland Funeral Home with Rev. Floyd Aldrich, Pastor of the Andover Baptist Church, officiating.

Burial was in Alfred Rural Cemetery.

### Mrs. James P. Dean

Mrs. Anna Dean, 91, widow of James P. Dean of 46 Seneca St., Hornell, died Tuesday, January 13, 1970, at the St. James Mercy Hospital where she had been a patient for the past five days.

A native of Wellsville, she spent most of her life in Andover and had resided in Hornell for the past 20 years.

Surviving are six daughters, Mrs. Katherine Dawson, Mrs. Virginia Roselli, Miss Anna Dean and Mrs. Gertrude Baker, all of Hornell; Mrs. Dorothy Hoyer of Wellsville and Mrs. Helen Dixon of Andover; three sons, James L. of Hornell; Lawrence E. of Rochester and John P. of Syracuse.

A Prayer Service will be held at 9:30 a. m., Friday from the Dagon Funeral Home in Hornell followed by a Requiem Mass at 10 a. m., at St. Ann's Church, Hornell.

Burial will be in Gate Of Heaven Cemetery, Andover.

## Andover Rescue Squad Get New Ambulance

The Andover Rescue Squad took possession Saturday afternoon, Jan. 10, 1970, of a used 1965 High-rise Cadillac Ambulance purchased thru the joint efforts of the Town and Village of Andover.

This Ambulance replaced a 1958 Cadillac which was purchased by the Village and Town of Andover in Feb. 1967 and has been in continuous service since that date. During this length of time, the Rescue Squad has made around 160 emergency calls covering 9,000 miles with a total of approximately 1,000 man hours donated by Rescue Squad members.

The newly purchased Ambulance is in apparently excellent condition with 30,500 miles on the odometer and carries a 30 day guarantee. It has facilities for carrying 4 patients at a time, is air conditioned for the comfort of patients during hot weather has an external public address system to facilitate rescue work ample storage space for all necessary equipment, high head room for ease in handling and restraining patient en route to the hospital and is complete with all necessary emergency equipment.

Before the sale was completed the Ambulance was test driven by Rescue Squad members and checked over mechanically by the Center Street Garage as well as mechanics on the Rescue Squad, and found to be apparently in "tip-top" condition.

Following the mechanical check up, the purchase was unanimously approved by the Town Board with Howard Burdick, Supervisor, polling each member for their vote and with the approval of James Mulholland, Mayor, and Village Board members present at the time.

The Andover Rescue Squad is composed of 12 members who are all Red Cross First Aid qualified personnel who have completed the standard and advanced First Aid course under the National Director of Safety Services, with Oliver Kemp acting as Captain, Art Kemp, Co-Captain, and "Jim" Haugh, Instructor.

## Grace Herr Wins Oratorical Contest

The Oratorical Contest, sponsored by the Lynch-Burgett Post No. 397, American Legion, was held on Wednesday, January 7 in the Andover Central School Auditorium. Lynn Panton and Grace Herr were the only two contestants, having written on the Constitution. Grace was the first place winner and Lynn took second place. Grace will represent Andover in a County Contest if one is held.

Both girls are to be commended for their speeches as the judging was very close. The judges were Glenn Penson, Michael Brace and Mrs. Jeanette Kuenig, a student teacher.

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## ATTENTION!

On behalf of the Andover Fire Department may I urge the cooperation of all property owners and tenants in keeping the fire hydrants near your homes shoveled out and made accessible in case of emergency. I note many hydrants are completely buried in snow. Also kindly park cars, etc. on narrow streets, so that trucks may travel freely. Remember "The home you save may be your own."

My personal thanks to the Boy Scouts and their leader, John Murray for their efforts in shoveling out hydrants.

For the benefit of firemen two long blasts of the fire siren indicates "Mutual-Aid Stand-By" for neighboring towns.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Kenneth F. Vars, Chief  
Andover Fire Department



In a note received from Clara Lang, she states that Bill is a medical patient in the Bay Pines Hospital suffering a heart attack. His address is:

William Lang  
Bay Pines Veterans Hospital  
Room 306  
Bay Pines, Florida 33504  
Ronald Hoag was admitted by ambulance to the Jones Memorial Hospital Tuesday as a medical patient.

Cecil Clark is a patient in the Jones Memorial Hospital.

William Wahl, a patient in the St. James Mercy Hospital has been discharged.

Mrs. Riley Allen, a patient in the Bethesda Hospital, has been discharged.

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