

Andover Chapter No. 242 Install New Officers

The Installation of 1970 Officers of the Order of the Eastern Star, Anna W. McArthur Chapter No. 242, was held Monday evening, January 14, in the Masonic Temple.

Incoming Matron, S. Gail Taylor, presented the outgoing Matron, W. Iva Sisson, with her Past Matron's Pin as is traditional in the Chapter. As her last official act, Mrs. Sisson thanked the Chapter for the gift and expressed her thanks for the cooperation she had received in 1969.

The 1970 Officers are:
Gail Taylor, Worthy Matron
Ronald Taylor, Worthy Patron
Amy Burgett, Associate Matron
Clyde Yorton, Associate Patron
Elizabeth Clair, Secretary
Beatrice Whiting, Treasurer
Carol Davis, Conductress
Irene Hann, Associate Conductress

Rosemary Wightman, Chaplain
Althea Phelps, Marshall
Alberta Rogers, Asst. Marshall
Floye Lever, Historian
Cora Burdick, Warder
Doris Sherman, Sentinel
Lillian Clark, Color Bearer
Pauline Yorton, Musician
Lyvonne Ryckman, Adah
Doris Baker, Ruth
Carolyn Emery, Esther
Shirley Thorp, Martha
Connie Glover, Electa
Alice Clarke, Bessie Mulconery, Iva Sisson, Trustees

Following her installation, Mrs. Taylor presented her new officers with an orchid corsage, the flower of the year, as each was installed. R.W. Everett Clair presided over the installation ceremonies assisted by W. Iva Sisson and R.W. Alice Clarke, acting as Marshall and Assistant Marshall.

The new Matron then addressed her new officers, members and guests, outlining her hopes for a successful and fruitful year. She highlighted the evening by dedicating her year to W. Rosemary Wightman, her mother. She spoke of her gratitude to her mother who was also Matron of the Chapter in 1965. She then paid tribute to her husband, Ronald, who had been installed as the Worthy Patron. Mr. Taylor then stepped forward to present his wife with a beautiful silver gavel, engraved with her name, the name of the Chapter, year, his name and the names of the couples three sons on whose behalf it was given.

The special guest of the evening, D.D.G.M. Adell Jeffers of Alfred spoke and congratulated all the new officers. She was also presented with a corsage.

Following the meeting, refreshments were served in the dining room and Mrs. Taylor introduced all out-of-town guests.

Committee chairmen announced for the year are:

Carol Davis, Cheer
Amy Burgett, Lunch
Everett Clair, Hospitality
Clyde Yorton, Auditing
Pauline Yorton, Presentations
Rosemary Wightman, Programs
Althea Phelps, Flowers
Ronald Taylor, Publicity
Alice Clarke, Kitchen
Lyvonne Ryckman, Dining Room

The next meeting will be Monday evening, January 26.

Tribute will be paid to Associate Matron Amy Burgett and Associate Patron, Clyde Yorton. It is hoped that all officers and members will be present for this special occasion.

Homemakers Club

The Andover Homemakers Club will hold their meeting Tuesday, January 27th at 12:00 Noon at the Grange Hall.

Refreshments will be served by the committee. Each bring own table service.

For project bring 1 gallon plastic jug, nylon net, needle and thread and scissors.

Hildred Hann

Hildred H. Hann, 77 of Middletown, a former chief engineer for the Ontario & Western Railway, died Tuesday, January 13, 1970 at Horton Memorial Hospital.

Mr. Hann, born in Andover on Feb. 20, 1892, was the son of Emory L. and Mary Ella Stearns Hann. He married Grace B. Cobb in Coudersport, Pa., Dec. 27, 1917. They moved to Middletown 20 years ago.

A member of First Congregational Church, he was a veteran of World War I, a member of the Middletown American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars Post, and of Norwich Lodge of Masons. Mr. Hann was a graduate of Bucknell University with a civil engineering degree.

In addition to his widow, he leaves one daughter, Mrs. Stanley E. Quimby of Middletown; a son, Joseph H. Hann of Wurtsboro; and two grandchildren.

The Rev. Stephen Bachelder, pastor of First Congregational Church, officiated at the funeral services held Thursday at 2 p. m. in the Cornelius and Dodd Funeral Home, 26 Grove St. Burial was in Wallkill Cemetery, Phillipsburg.

Mrs. Virgil C. Dickinson

Mrs. Anna Snyder Dickinson of the Bolivar Rd., R. D. Wellsville, died Saturday, January 17, 1970 in the Jones Memorial Hospital, following a long illness.

Mrs. Dickinson was born June 7, 1897, in the Town of Ward, a daughter of William and Katherine Will Snyder. On September 8, 1923, she married Virgil C. Dickinson, who survives.

Mrs. Dickinson was a member of the First Congregational Church of Wellsville; the Anna W. McArthur Chapter No. 242 Order of Eastern Star, Andover and received her 50-year pin June 11, 1969.

She received her nurse's pin in 1920 at the Wellsville General Hospital.

Surviving in addition to her husband are two brothers, Leonard Snyder of Andover and Herman Snyder of Alfred.

Funeral services were held at the Mason T. Dye Funeral Home at 10 a. m., Tuesday. The Rev. Russell J. Clair, pastor of the First Congregational Church, officiated.

Burial was in Woodlawn Cemetery, Wellsville.

Clarence R. McGill

Clarence R. McGill, a resident of the Olean House in Olean, died Sunday, January 18, 1970 at the Olean General Hospital after a long illness.

Born in Farmers Valley, Pa., May 18, 1888, he was a son of Patrick H. and Bridget McHugh McGill. He was married to the former Catherine Stickler, who died in 1960.

Mr. McGill was a former resident of Andover and had resided in the Olean area for many years. He was a former employee of the Case Cutlery, retiring in 1962.

He was a member of St. Mary's of the Angels Church; the Olean Elks Club; and the Olean Senior League.

Surviving are a son, Dr. R. Bruce McGill of Armonk; two grandsons and a great-grandson, and a brother, Dr. James McGill of Kenmore.

A prayer service was held at 9:30 a. m. at the Hogan Funeral Home Inc., Tuesday, followed by a Requiem High Mass at St. Mary's Church at 10 a. m. Burial was in St. Bonaventure Cemetery at Allegany.

Presbyterian Manse To To Hold Open House

The Open House which was to have been held at the manse before Christmas will be given at the Presbyterian manse on East Avenue, Sunday, January 25th between the hours of 3:30 and 6:00 P. M., all members of the Andover and Belmont Presbyterian Parish are cordily invited to attend.

News That's Print To Fit

Well folks, with the weather making headlines all across the Country, guess we might as well take care of first things first.

So far, it appears as if we have had the "shortest January thaw" in history! It started to thaw last Thursday with the temperature getting up to 41 — only to have it drop down to 34 Friday, and from then on — down and down.

Thru the courtesy of the "Boys down at the Pump Station", here are the recorded Lows and Highs for the past week: Jan. 16th — L 2 below, H 41; 17th — L 32, H 34; 18th — L 12, H 28; 19th — L 20 below, H 13; 20th — 17 below H 12; 21st — L 6 below, H 0; and the 22nd — L 10 below, H 8.

In fact, in comparing the records from last year, in Dec., Jan., and Feb., there were only 13 days last year that the temperature got down to zero or below. This year, in Dec. and so far in Jan. the mercury has dropped to 0 or below 16 times — and no apparent end in sight.

Well folks, the accident to the building early last Thursday evening didn't stop the "Andover News" — but it sure slowed things down a batch! In fact, between the time consumed in making out the accident report, discussing repairs, and checking over any possible damages, the evening was ruined so that we were unable to go to press until Friday morning. So-o-o, if you got your paper late — guess you would have to blame the dog for setting off the chain reaction that ended up the way it did. Oh well, the dog didn't get hit — and no one was injured, so it could have been a lot worse!

Along the winter weather line we noticed in an area Newspaper from Cattaraugus County that according to records kept at the Cattaraugus Highway Department garage on Route 16, Machias, they have had a total of 133 inches of snow as of January 14th. That figures out to a little over 11 feet of snow that has fallen in that area so far this winter.

Needless to say that they report that plowing and sanding operations are on an overtime basis and reports are coming in of roofs caving in on rural buildings from the large accumulation of snow.

And, since we have been on an allied subject, we might as well switch to the subject of snowmobiles.

Evidently the "rumor mill" has been grinding out a lot of false propaganda about our stand on "Snowmobiles" and we wish to set the record straight!

To begin with, we were probably among the first area residents to have ridden on one when we went over and covered the "Honey Lake Winter Carnival" several years ago and printed those pictures in our paper of the Airplane and car that went thru the ice as well as the Snowmobile races. The Winter Festival Public Relations People very kindly furnished us a driver and "Mobile" to take us around to cover these events — and it was a lot of fun!

However, this was on off-the-road courses and trails — not on public highways.

Last year there were several of these machines owned locally — and we can't remember of hearing any complaints from local residents as to their use — or mis-use.

What we have tried to do in our previous remarks is to make people aware of the dangers involved in driving these vehicles on public Streets and Highways so that innocent motorists won't become involved in accidents with these machines.

As far as the noise and the abuse of trespassing on private property of a few of these vehicles is concerned — we are relatively sure that controls will be enacted by the State which may make it rough on all of the Snowmobile owners and Operators that are using their machines without



— "And then, there were four" — As can be seen in the photo — there are still four pillars remaining that are holding up the porch on the front of the News Office. The other one was knocked to pieces when the car in the foreground struck it after the driver swerved to avoid hitting a large dog. Photo by Witte

Attention Motorists!

Certificates of inspection required for motor vehicles in New York State would be affixed to the registration certificate rather than to the vehicle's window under the terms of a bill introduced this week in the New York State Legislature by Assemblyman Frank Walkley (R-Castile) and Sen. Jess J. Present (R-Jamestown).

Purpose of the legislation is to remove the inspection certificates from automobile windshields where they are considered a nuisance, according to Assemblyman Walkley.

Grange News

Andover Grange met Saturday at Noon to enjoy a turkey dinner followed by regular meeting. Plans were made to serve the Chamber of Commerce dinner Wednesday evening.

Sunday, January 25th will be Official Visit. A turkey dinner will be served at Noon.

There will be a special effort to attend this meeting. Officers would like to have perfect attendance for the Deputies.

Interfering with other people's rights.

Furthermore, we are not alone in our concern over the safety of motorists where Snowmobiles are running public highways.

In a recent News item from an area Daily Newspaper, James A. Young, Allegany County Highway Superintendent, is quoted as saying: "Keep them off the highways." He adds, "that he's all for the 'mobiles' when they are used for emergency or rescue work or by utility trouble-shooters or farmers or what have you — not to mention fun seekers who confine their use to off-the-road courses or trails". What's wrong with them burping and buzzing along town and county not to mention state roads, especially after dark?

"Inadequate Lights" and the snowmobile's "very low profile" and the fact that their tracks kick up clouds of snow — that's what's the matter!

And just for the record — remember that He said it — not us!

The Boston butt is cut from the upper half of the pork shoulder.

News Office Meets New Subscriber

The above scene shows the existing conditions under which the Andover News Editor met a new "News Subscriber" for the first time.

According to the accident report, Robert Burton, 24, Snovel Hollow, owner and operator of a 1956 Ford Sedan, was traveling North on Main Street from Route 17 early Thursday evening swerved to the West side of the Street to avoid hitting a large German Shepard dog, slammed on his brakes, skidded on the slippery Street, and collided with a brick and concrete stucco pillar supporting the South end of the News Office Porch.

The impact of the collision knocked the brick portion of the pillar apart and tore it completely away from under the section of the porch. Fortunately, the other four pillars supporting the weight of the porch were able to carry the load without apparently causing any extensive damage to the rest of the structure.

Luckily, there was no glass broken, no one injured, and apparently no serious damage to the building — although the car had to be towed from the scene.

The accident was investigated by Officer Gary Brown, acting Chief of Police, with no summons being issued due to slippery road conditions.



F. F. McCoubrey was admitted to the St. James Mercy Hospital Tuesday by ambulance as a medical patient.

Mrs. Leona Slocum was admitted to the Jones Memorial Hospital Saturday evening by ambulance suffering from injuries sustained in a fall at her home.

Mrs. Richard M. Baker, a surgical patient in the Bethesda Hospital, returned home Wednesday.

Mrs. Eleanor Lunn, a patient in the Jones Memorial Hospital has been discharged.

Mrs. Clara Smith is a patient in the Bethesda Hospital.

Mrs. Richard M. Baker, II, is a medical patient in the Jones Memorial Hospital.