

Erie Train Wreck Creating Furor In Elmira Area

As the result of a freight train accident in Elmira Jan. 26th, in which 19 cars of an Erie-Lackawanna train left the tracks on the Southside, State Legislators from the area are studying the possibility of legislation or executive directives to safeguard Elmira and other communities from serious railroad derailments.

State Sen. William T. Smith of Big Flats and Assemblyman L. Richard Marshall of Elmira, seek a study of existing controls on carriers and the possibility of increasing protection for urban areas.

One possible limitation under study is a reduction of the speed limit of trains while they operate thru cities and communities.

The Erie-Lackawanna train wreck that sparked all the furor occurred on Jan. 25, 1970 in Elmira when 19 cars of a 66-car freight was derailed, with nine of these cars being loaded with highly flammable Propane gas stored at 150 pounds pressure at minus 60 degrees. One of these cars loaded with 20 tons of Propane gas rolled over an embankment and landed only 58 inches away from a home where an Elmira couple and their 3 children were sleeping.

One hundred and ten persons were evacuated from a two-block area around the accident site under direction of the Elmira police as soon as possible after the accident and were then allowed to return to their homes when the area was reported cleared at 10:34 a. m. Sunday morning, Jan. 26th.

This is the second Erie-Lackawanna freight-train wreck in the past few months in the same area, as the previous one occurred late in the fall near Waverly, N. Y.

News Briefs Of Local Servicemen

Sgt. William G. Bixby, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Bixby of Andover, arrived at the Elmira Airport Tuesday morning after spending a tour of duty in Vietnam. Bill will spend a thirty-day furlough before reporting to Minot Air Force Base, North Dakota for further duty.

Pfc. Charles K. Burdick, son of Mr. Kenneth W. Burdick, Kenyon Rd., Alfred Station, arrived in Vietnam on January 10th.

Pfc. Burdick graduated from A.C.S. in 1963 and received his B.A. degree in Psychology from the University of South Florida in 1967. His Masters of Psychology was earned in May 1969 at the University of Manitoba in Winnipeg, Canada.

He received his basic training in Fort Lewis, Washington and was later transferred to the Armor Division at Fort Knox, Kentucky, where he was trained on Sherman Tanks.

Burdick was married in August 1967 to the former Rosemary Nienez of Tampa, Florida.

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NOTICE From Dr. Folsom

"I have accepted a position to practice medicine in New Mexico and will discontinue practice in this area on February 27, 1970.

The Chamber of Commerce has recently given me the equipment and furnishings originally installed in the office. As an expression of my appreciation to the people of this area who contributed to the Andover Medical Center originally and in hopes it may aid in securing another physician, I have donated the bulk of this equipment and furnishings to the town in the care of the Chamber of Commerce."

ALAN L. FOLSOM, M.D.

News That's Print To F

Well Folks, how many of you believe in the Groundhog's ability as a weather prognosticator? For an "on the spot" local account, here are the facts: on Sunday, Feb. 1st, the sun shone most of the day with the thermometer rising to 44 degrees. Monday, the 2nd, the sun didn't shine locally all day as it was cloudy and gloomy although the temperature remained about the same. So, whichever day you pick as "Groundhog Day", you can make your own interpretation.

Here are the recorded Lo's and High's for the past week thru the courtesy of the "Boys down at the Pump Station": Jan. 29th — L 25, H 44; 30th — L 12, H 14; 31st — L 0, H 30; Feb. 1 — L 30, H 44; 2nd — L 34, H 43; 3rd — L 3, H 34; 4th — L 19, H 10; and today, the 5th — L 6, H 21.

Also in February's attempt to outdo the preceding month, we had around 6 inches of snow Tuesday, and a small accumulation again last night. So it looks as if there is plenty of winter ahead of us yet.

Along the same lines as our Editorial, and one of the things that we learned from talking to retired Railroad men, causing us to revise our thinking as far as charges by Railroads of "Featherbedding" against train crews is concerned.

In the days of the steam locomotive, when freight trains consisted of 50 - 60 cars, every time the train would stop for any length of time the crews would get out and inspect the train. The engine crew would dismount on each side of the train and check the journal boxes, air-hoses, and brakes on the box-cars back to the middle of the train where they would be met by the crew from the caboose who had done the same thing on their end of the train. Whenever these "car-knockers" found anything wrong, it would be corrected as soon as possible.

Now, with the limited personnel in each train crew, and freight trains of 150 - 150 box-cars what is happening according to our source of information is that the Diesel Engine crew goes back 30 to 50 cars, the Caboose crew goes forward 30 to 50 cars — and this leaves the 50 to 100 cars in the middle that don't get checked during stops while the train is en route. So, this adds to the possibility and probability of a train wreck much oftener than as if a proper safety program was in force (Obviously they need at least two more crew members).

So, the Railroads are making money (if they weren't — they would close up shop) at the expense of the general public.

Thus it is up to the general public to see that the lawmakers pass minimum safety laws that Railroads have to live up to — it's as simple as that.

We have seen quite a lot of publicity about the proposed dam at Stannards, and have been giving it a great deal of thought.

Since this proposed dam is primarily for recreational purposes and flood control secondary — it is not a dire necessity.

Thus it would seem to us that the people that would be displaced from their homes and land should have the most to say about it.

Then it would also follow logically that the Taxpayers of Allegany County that would have to pay for the approximately \$10,000,000 share of the project — should have a great deal to say about it.

And, of course along with this cash outlay, consideration would have to be given to the loss of tax revenue from taking property and real estate for the project off the tax rolls.

Then too, just because around \$40,000,000 Federal Funds would be used in the project — don't forget that these Federal Funds come from We Taxpayers to begin with.

Floyd Cartwright

Floyd Cartwright died at his home in Hartsville Thursday, January 29, 1970, after a long illness.

Born Nov. 25, 1884 in the Town of Alfred, he was a son of the late Casner and Jennie Witter Cartwright.

Mr. Cartwright worked as a farmer all his adult life.

Surviving with his widow, the former Grace Calhoun, are a son, Carroll of Hartsville; five grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Funeral and committal services were conducted at 2 p. m. Saturday at the James B. Mulholland Funeral Home, Andover, by the Rev. Edward Sutton of the Seventh Day Baptist Church of Alfred, where Mr. Cartwright was a member.

Burial was in the Maplewood Cemetery, Alfred Station.



Mrs. Milford Bassett, a medical patient in the Jones Memorial Hospital has been discharged.

Mrs. Nora Higby was admitted to the Bethesda Hospital last Wednesday for X-rays and observation.

Mrs. Charles Burgess, a medical patient in the Jones Memorial Hospital, returned home Saturday.

Charles Burgess was admitted to the Jones Memorial Hospital, Saturday as a medical patient.

Marvin Halladay is a patient in the Jones Memorial Hospital.

Mrs. John Bergerson, a medical patient in the Jones Memorial Hospital has returned to her home.

Mrs. Warren Ahrens, a patient in the St. James Mercy Hospital has returned to her home.

Mrs. Neil Potter is a patient in the Jones Memorial Hospital.

Paul Bailey is a patient in the Jones Memorial Hospital.

Mrs. Ruth Broughton, a medical patient in the Jones Memorial Hospital.

Elmer Jackson is a patient in the Bethesda Hospital.

Darlene Lehman, a medical patient in the Jones Memorial Hospital has been discharged.

Mrs. Linda Brace is a patient in the Bethesda Hospital.

Jacqueline Conde, a patient in the Jones Memorial Hospital, has been discharged.

OES Notice

The members of the Order of Eastern Star will meet at the Masonic Temple Monday evening, February 9, at 8:00 p. m. This meeting will be a practice in preparation for the annual visit of the District Deputy Grand Matron and the District Deputy Grand Lecturer scheduled for the following meeting on February 23. It is necessary for all the officers to be present at this meeting.

Republican Caucus

TAKE NOTICE, the Caucus of the registered Republican Voters of the Village of Andover will be held at the Andover Central School Auditorium Saturday, February 21, 1970, at 8:00 p. m. for the purpose of nominating candidates for Two Trustees on the Republican Ticket and for the transaction of such other business as may be legally brought before the said Caucus.

HOWARD E. McANDREW
ROLAND KEMP
DR. ALAN FOLSOM
Republican Village Committee

And lastly, many Conservation Experts are opposed because of the damage that can be done to wild-life, fish and game.

Thus, as things stand, at the present time, we go along with the Allegany County Federation of Sportsmen — on record — as being against the proposed dam.

Library News

The following Memorial Books have been added to Andover Free Library:

"The Senator From Maine", by Alice Fleming, given in memory of Mrs. Ildra Eller by Mr. and Mrs. Lewis McLean, Mrs. Vera Scribner and Mr. and Mrs. Everett Davis

"Open Horizons", by Sigurd F. Olson, given in memory of James M. Hoover, Sr., by Trustees — Andover Free Library

"Vermont", by Ralph Nading Hill, given in memory of James M. Hoover, Sr., Wellsville, by Andover Friends.

"Of Dikes and Windmills", by Peter Sier, given in memory of Carl Monroe by Mr. and Mrs. Harry Joyce

"One Dark Night", by Edna Mitchell Preston, given in memory of Mrs. Ildra Eller by Friends

"Why You Look Like You, Whereas I Tend To Look Like Me", by Charlotte Pomerantz given in memory of Mrs. Ildra Eller by Friends

"Shackleton's Epic Voyage" by Michael Brown, given in memory of Mrs. Ildra Eller by Friends

"I'll Fix Anthony", by Judith Viorst, given in memory of Mrs. Ildra Eller by Friends

"Natural Partnerships", by Dorothy Shuttlesworth, given in memory of Mrs. Ildra Eller by Friends

"Come Along!", by Rebecca Caudill, given in memory of Mrs. Ildra Eller by Friends

"Bones", by Herbert S. Zim given in memory of Mrs. Ildra Eller by Friends

Other books now available at the Library are:

"Peter Freuchen's Book of the Seven Seas", by Peter Freuchen

"Facts and Fictions", by Ann Bridge

"Farming the Sea", by Alexander McKee

"Hold Fast To Dreams", ed. by Arna Bontemps

"Iron Coffins", a personal account of the German U-Boat battles of World War II, by Herbert A. Wetner

"The Year of the Whale" by Victor B. Schlegel

"The Complete Book of Cats and Seabirds", by G. G. Sullivan

"Cookie Cookery", by John J. Zenker

"The Hunt for the Sea", by I. R. Fehrmann

"Prime Time", by Ann Bridge

"Pioneer Life in Western Pennsylvania", by J. R. Wright

"The Book of Buffalo Pottery", by Violet Altman

"Break up", the core of modern Art, by Katharine Kuh

"Pedlock Saint", by Stephen Longstreet

"The Protege", by Charlotte Armstrong

"The Coats of Vaud", by Winifred Bryher

"Halloween Party", by Agatha Christie

"Night Boat from Puerto Vedra", by Donald MacKenzie

"Gideon's Power", by J. J. Maric

"The Grass Pipe", by Robert Coles

"Master and Commander", by Patrick O'Brian

"The Shivering Sands", by Victoria Holt

"Puppet on a Chain", by Alistair MacLean

"The Coming Out Party", by Richard Frede

"Angels Falling", by Janice Elliott

"The Rising Gorge", by S. J. Perelman

"Up A Road Slowly", by Irene Hunt

"Dangerous Spring", by Margot Benary-Israel

"The Past Tense of Love", by Elizabeth Cadell

"Sanctuary V", by Budd Schulberg

"Let X Be Excitement", by Christie Harris

"The Hitchcock Presents", ed. by Alfred Hitchcock

"University", by Alvin Schwartz

"Arizona", by Betty Baker

Mrs. James Joyce Elected Red Cross Chapter Chairman

The Allegany County Chapter of American Red Cross conducted its annual dinner meeting at the Wellsville Country Club, Monday, February 2. Mrs. James Joyce of Andover, Chapter Chairman presided. Richard Scutt of Wellsville gave the treasurer's report noting that every dollar donated to the Allegany County Chapter last year was expended as follows: 25c to Service to Military and their Families, 9c to disaster, 38c to the Blood Program, 4c for First Aid and Water Safety, 5c to Red Cross Youth, 9c for General Management and Operating Facilities; and to all other services, such as "Gray Ladies, Nursing, Public Information, Parties at the Bath, Veterans Administration, fund raising, 9c.

Opening comments were made by Mayor Robert Gardner and Mr. Arthur Flynn, National representative from Rochester.

Kenneth Dillon of Black Creek, presented the fund report and George Holdridge gave the Nominating Committee report.

All officers were re-elected. Mrs. James Joyce, Andover, Chapter Chairman; George Holdridge, Belfast, 1st Vice Chairman; Kenneth Dillon, Black Creek, 2nd Vice Chairman; Miss Alice Filkins, Wellsville, Secretary; Richard Scutt, Wellsville, Treasurer; and Michael Fiordo, Wellsville, Assistant Treasurer.

Elected to the Board of Directors for a three year term were: Wesley Serra, Cuba; James Young, West Almond; Richard Wolfer, Fillmore; Mrs. Bernard Butler, Andover; and Mrs. Verlee Linderman, Alfred. Elected to the Board as Red Cross Youth Representative was Miss Cathy McEnroe of Wellsville.

Following the business meeting, Mrs. Arthur Cowdery of Rochester, spoke on her experiences as a volunteer disaster worker at the time of Hurricane Camille. Mrs. Cowdery presented slides depicting the devastation of the area.

Grace Herr Places Second In Co. Oratorical Contest

Grace Herr, the winner of the Local American Legion Oratorical Contest, participated in the County Contest on Sunday February 1. Grace placed a very close second to Robert J. Whelpley of Wellsville, who took first place.

The contest was held in the Community Building in Wellsville. The judges were Mrs. William Zacher and John Buzzard Jr. of Friendship and Miss Helen Mulligan of Bolivar.

Robert received a prize of \$25 and Grace will receive \$15.

Rod & Gun Club To Meet At Grange Hall Feb. 20th

The February meeting of Andover Rod & Gun Club will be held Friday, February 20th at 8 p. m. in the Andover Grange Hall.

Game Biologist from Vermont, Bill Drake, will be guest speaker. Refreshments will be served. The public is welcome to attend.

"Adventures into the Psychic", by Jess Stearn
"Chinese Mother Goose Rhymes", ed. by Robert Wyndham
"The Mystery of Stenorence", by Franklyn M. Branley
"The Boys' Fourth Book of Radio and Electronics", by Alfred Morgan
"The Misunderstood Skunk", by Lilo Hess
"Operation Sippack", by Rumer Godden
"Glenda", by Janice May Udry
"The Museum House Ghosts", by Judith Spearing
"Henry Reed's Baby-Sitting Service", by Keith Robertson
"Talarain", by Joyce Gard
"Why Not Join The Giraffes", by Hope Campbell
"One To Grow On", by Jean Little