

Andover Firemen respond to an alarm at the Joyce Hotel on Main Street Tuesday with their two newest pieces of fire fighting equipment. Jerry Hann directs traffic while the drivers of the 2 trucks stand-by as the firemen go thru the Hotel from cellar to attic looking for the cause of smoke that was reported.

## Red's Racetrack Rambles

Well racing fans, it's just about that time to get those thoughts about stock cars racing on the local front into high gear.

We saw that Lancaster Speedway opened up this past week and that Holland and Perry are due to open in the near future.

Today, one of the officials from the Woodhull Raceway stopped in and told us that they plan on opening Saturday night, May 2nd.

Here is the story on the Holland opening:

On Saturday, April 18th at 8 p.m. Holland International Speedway will kick off its 11th continuous season of stock car racing. The popular 1.5 mile high banked oval located in Holland, N.Y. will again be sanctioned by the Eastern Racing Circuit of America, under the guidance of Ray Greenan of Buffalo President.

Composing the four divisions program each Saturday night will be the four divisions of Mini Sticks, Amateurs, Late Models and New Cars.

Newcomers in the New Car division include former NASCAR Sportsman Champion Billy Rafter of Niagara Falls in a 1969 Chevelle prepared by Doc Hoctor of Buffalo. Butch Holtz of East Aurora, a former Late Model Star in the ERCA circuit has been promoted to the New Car Circuit and will be in command of a 1969 Chevelle powered by a 427 Chevy engine. Other newcomers include Frank Fite of Elba in a 1969 Ford and Kenny Castle of Buffalo, a former Lancaster Late Model competitor.

Time trials conducted on Sunday, April 12th determined the starting positions in the feature events on the opening evening. The fastest time in the New Cars will have pole inside and second fastest on the outside. The rest of the starting positions will be determined by qualifying heats run on the evening of the race.

A new twist to racing in the area has been added with the dual starters being employed by ERCA. Under this system, both starters on the front chute and back chute have full control of the race span in its entirety. In the past, there has been a chief starter with an assistant who merely seconded the moves of the starter. This move is intended to promote safety on the Speedway.

This Saturday, the gates will open at 6 p.m. with cars taking to the track at 8:30. Following the practice, the twelve card show will get under way at 8 p.m.

At Woodhull, we understand that they have widened the track out and built up the turns so that it is now a 1/4 mile track and that they plan on improving the lighting system so that the track lights will be divided up into 3 circuits to prevent "black-outs" in case of an

accident.

On other racing fronts, it sure burns us up when they have Big Stock Car Races at Daytona, Atlanta, etc., and then at the new track at Talladega, Ala., and when we pick up the big City Daily Newspapers — we can't find but a few lines in them — or else not even a word!

In the recent race at Talladega Ala., despite the fact that it was on ABC Television — only one area station, Channel 13, carried the race; and only the Buffalo Courier Express carried any kind of a story — and that only reported the 1st three winners. We couldn't find even one word in the Buffalo Evening News, or some of the other area "Daily's". And yet we understand that Auto Racing is the 2nd biggest sport in the U.S.

What's wrong with you sporting fans? Why don't you write in and give these Sports Editors "Hell" and demand equal coverage with other Sports Events? Why should so much space be devoted to Golf, etc., when there aren't nearly as many fans across the country that follow this sport? It is just because these fans might have more money

— even though they are in the minority? And we Stock Car Racing Fans are "just such little people" — that we don't even count. Except of course to buy and support these big City Daily Papers!

Think about it racing fans. Did you see any write up about Dodge-driving Buddy Baker, the Charlotte, N.C. athlete setting a world closed-course speed record of 200.447 miles per hour at the Talladega, Alabama Track recently?

Guess it kind of boils down to a few simple facts — until you racing Fans let the Sports Editors of your favorite Daily Paper know that you want to know what is going on in the World of Stock Car Racing — all you are going to continue to see is — Golf, Horse Racing, and Baseball — the rest of the summer! 10-4?

This reminds us while going thru the copy of our last year's racing results, we ran across a letter that we misplaced from one of our former Stock Car Stars in this area — "Bill" and "Betty" Layfield.

So despite the fact that we are way late, we thought that you folks would like to hear — at least the latest that we have heard.

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Dear Jean and Red,  
Just a few lines to "Thank you so very much for sending our paper each week". We look forward to it and really enjoy it. Hope this finds you both doing just fine. We are all getting along real well here.

Bill still likes his job real well and I am working also. I am teaching half-days at a Private School about 6 blocks from here. I really enjoy it and so does Glen. He is in the other kindergarten, so makes it nice for both of us. I have only 12 children and they are all darling. I never thought I'd be a teacher but, have enjoyed it so much. I work from 7:20 to 12:00, so have afternoons to do my house work and I am here when Joe and John get home from school. By the way Joe is in 6th grade this year and John in 4th. They are doing okay but, know they can do better. Isn't that true with most children and parents though (ha ha). Just like I told Joe I don't

expect them to be straight A students but it seems like they could have straight B's in something besides gym.

The weather has been nice here so far. Yesterday our low was 56 and our high was 83. Today it was 48 when I went to school and now at 1:30 it is 78. In the paper I noticed the weather has been some cooler. After having 100 weather most of the summer I'd freeze right up at 14. I just know I would.

We are still racing here at Wetumpka. Bill raced last week and won both heat and the feature. He is high point there so far. They are having the Championship Race Nov. 16th and it will be the last race until next April. They have been having Powder Puffs lately over there. I am real proud I finally won. In three Powder Puffs I have 1 third and 2 wins. I guess the owner plans to have them each week. I hope so as I really enjoy it. He is going to Saturday evenings next year as soon as weather permits. I keep score and announce there and have really enjoyed doing it. So it keeps our Sundays busy.

Bill has his small game license but, I haven't gotten mine yet. They hunt quail, dove, squirrels and turkeys here. Of course the

## Stewart B. Irvin Named Manager of Alfred Bank

Theodore M. McClure, President of the Citizens National Bank and Trust Company, Wellsville, New York, has announced the appointment of Stewart B. Irvin to the position of Manager of the Bank at Alfred.

Mr. Irvin succeeds C. Richard Fenner who retired as a Vice President and Manager of that office on March 31, 1970. Mr. Irvin began his banking career with the former State Bank of Bolivar in 1958, which was consolidated with the Citizens National Bank in 1962. He is a native of Bolivar and is a graduate of Rochester Business Institute, and has completed all required courses of the American Institute of Banking educational program and Bank Management Course at Mellon National Bank, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. He is a Past President of the Allegany County Bankers Association and a veteran of World War II.

Mr. Fenner will continue to serve the bank as a member of the Board of Directors and the Advisory Board of the University Office. A veteran of 43 years of banking he was the President of the University Bank at Alfred at the time of consolidation with the Citizens in 1956. Mr. Fenner is also well known for his many years of service in Town and County Government.

big game hunting will be coming up soon. I am not too sure of how long it last, either 2 or 3 months. They hunt with dogs here. Bill and Rex were invited by our insurance man to go hunting at this club he belongs to. I am sure going to miss hunting back home, it sure isn't the same here.

Well, folks I just can't think of anymore for this time so do write and thanks again for the paper we really enjoy reading about all the news back up that way.

As Ever,  
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Betty, Bill, Joe, John and Glen

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