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Four people (in center of picture) Honored at Birthday Party. Standing, left to right: Mrs. Oliver Baker, Mrs. Genevieve Backus, seated left to right: Robert Spicer, Mrs. Clifford Burdick.

Mrs. Robert Spicer is at the right of her husband at the left of the picture; and Clifford Burdick is at his wife's left at the right of the picture.

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Officers of the newly formed "Golden Age" Club. Left to right: Mrs. Genevieve Backus, President; Mrs. David Glover, Vice-President; Mrs. Grace Burger, Treasurer; Mrs. Margaret Karnes, Secretary; Mrs. Ruth York, Recording Secretary.

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## Golden Age Members Honored At Meeting

Four Golden Age Members having birthday observances in July and August were honored at the regular meeting of the Andover Golden Age Club held Monday night at the Blessed Sacrament Social Hall. The fifth member who was to have been honored, Mrs. Cecile Ruger, was unable to attend.

Members honored on their anniversaries were: Mrs. Oliver Baker, Mrs. Genevieve Backus, President, Robert E. Spicer, and Mrs. Clifford Burdick; and were presented corsages or boutonnieres for the occasion.

The floral arrangements were made by Mrs. Backus and Mrs. Floye Lever from flowers grown and furnished by local members. A large Birthday Cake was made by the Club President to help celebrate the occasion.

Other members recognized at the meeting were: Allison Baker,

eldest gentleman present, 89 years old, born May 30, 1881; eldest lady present — Mrs. Robert Spicer (born Nov. 1, 1884), and Mrs. Lelia Livermore (born March 23, 1885); couple married long — Mr. and Mrs. Robert Spicer, 53 years (married April 24, 1912) and Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Burdick, 38 years (married Nov. 29, 1917).

The Andover Golden Age Club was organized June 22, 1970 with the following officers elected: Mrs. Genevieve Backus, President; Mrs. David Glover, 1st Vice-President; Mrs. Grace Burger, Treasurer; Mrs. Margaret Karnes, Secretary; and Mrs. Ruth York, Recording Secretary.

The Golden Age Club has been meeting twice a month since it was started with its next regular meeting scheduled to be held at the "Red-Dot" Campsite Monday September 14th where a turkey dinner will be served at the pavilion.

## Library Hours For Week-end

Andover Free Library will be closed Saturday, September 5th and Monday, September 7th.

## Redwings At DuBois Saturday

The Redwings play at DuBois, Saturday, September 5th at 2:30 against Springfield, Pa. The Redwings win this first game they will play again at 7:00!

## Library News

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

"The Buffalo" by Francis Haines given in memory of Frank Langworthy by Grace Brundage and Frances Langworthy.

"Bridges, Canals & Tunnels" by David Jacobs, given in memory of Frank Langworthy by Harriet and Alvin Hoover.

## Firemen's Auxiliary Notice

The monthly meeting of the Andover Firemen's Auxiliary will be held Wednesday, September 9th at the Fire Hall at 8 P. M.

## News That's Print To Fit

Hi there folks! Well, guess summer vacation is over now for the School Children, and, since local residents are back from their travel trips, summer cottages, etc., looks as if we had better start whipping out a few items.

First on the agenda, is the recent organization of a local "Golden Age" Club, which seems to be off to a good start. And, judging from the interest shown at their meeting held this week, the "Golden-Agers" are enjoying their dinner meetings a lot.

Here's wishing them a lot of luck with their program — and let's hope that everyone in "Ye Olde Home Town" will help them in any way that they can.

And, since most of these members are on a fixed income that keeps shrinking as inflation rises, let's give a lot of consideration to one of their main sources of amusement — TV!

We believe that everyone should have a choice as to what TV Cable they want to sign up for with channels that interest them the most. However, WE DO NOT WANT TO SEE anything happen thru lack of fore-sight, minority pressure, or politics, to the local TV Cable that was set up as a non-profit organization that has furnished many of the "Golden-Age" group as well as ourselves — with TV at the lowest possible rates.

Furthermore, don't overlook the possibility (which we ourselves firmly believe) that the local commercial TV Cable has kept their rates lower than they normally would have — mainly due to the existence of the "Non-Profit" Association that first brought TV into our valley.

As long as no one interferes with the operation and existence of the Cable System (now called the 3-Way System) or with the rates that are being charged — we have no objection to any other commercial venture.

However, if any commercial venture should try to exert pressure to force our existing "Home-Town" System out of business, providing they are allowed to have a franchise — then — we will predict that they will have one big battle on their hands, as far as we are concerned.

Always bear in mind — that in business — anyone who has a monopoly is very often apt to charge as much as the "traffic will bear" — if not more! And, when there is no competition, a monopoly exists!

While along lines of Public Interest, several times in the past we have heard rumors that the Local Fire Department has used money out of their Building Fund to pay towards their newly purchased Fire Truck or equipment.

In the past, these rumors have proven to be groundless, so we have ignored them. However, since the same rumor has been revived lately — we thought we would check it out since the peace of mind of several interested persons is at stake.

Accordingly, we contracted one of the high Officials in the Local Fire Department who flatly stated: "that the Building Fund is still intact" and "that no money has been taken from this fund for the new fire truck."

He further stated: "however, if anyone wishes to donate any money towards the new truck, the Volunteer Fire Company would gladly accept any financial assistance."

He also mentioned the fact that they are a Volunteer, Non-Profit Organization that are serving free for the benefit of all local residents in the Andover area.

Thus we are writing a—30—to another rumor! 10-4?

Also, while on the public interest, last week we had several reports of low voltage along Village Power Lines but were unable to contact anyone in a position to issue a public statement.

This week, we contacted both

## HOSPITAL NOTES

Mrs. Gary Hoagland and infant daughter, Stefanie Lyn, returned to their home Saturday from the Jones Memorial Hospital.

Mrs. Walter Harris is a medical patient in the St. James Mercy Hospital.

Mrs. Frederick Dannheim and infant daughter, Julie Diane, returned to their home last Wednesday from the Jones Memorial Hospital.

Dorothea Glover is a patient in the Bethesda Hospital.

Ronald Smith is a medical patient in the Jones Memorial Hospital.

Charles Snell, a patient in the Bethesda Hospital, has been discharged.

## Grange News

Andover Grange will hold their regular monthly meeting Wednesday evening September 9th at the Grange Hall at 8:30 p. m.

Election of Officers for the new Grange year will be held.

This meeting will be preceded by a 7:30 tureen supper.

## Savings Bonds Interest Boosted by 1/2% Bonus

Residents of New York State and American citizens everywhere who own or are buying United States Savings Bonds are in line for higher interest on their Bonds. The increase in the form of a 1/2-percent bonus, raises the effective interest rate on new Savings Bonds from 5 percent to 5 1/2 percent, when held to maturity.

Crocker Nevins, Chairman and President, Marine Midland Grace Trust Company and New York State Chairman for U. S. Savings Bonds, noted that "the bonus applies not only to new issues sold on or after June 1, 1970, but also to older Bonds as well, so there is no advantage in redeeming outstanding Bonds to buy new ones."

"The interest paid on U. S. Savings Bonds is not subject to State or local income and personal property taxes. This new rate increase, coupled with their tax advantages, makes Savings Bonds especially useful", Mr. Nevins said.

## Legion Auxiliary Notice

The September meeting of the Lynch-Burgett Post No. 397 American Legion Auxiliary will be held Tuesday, Sept. 8th at 8 p. m. in the Legion Home.

Lunch committee: Floye Lever and Genevieve Backus.

## Change In Telephone Number

The following telephone numbers have been changed:  
Oliver Baker — 478-8171  
Michael Baker, Dyke St. — 478-4521.

The Mayor and "Bob" Costello, head of the Electric Department, who issued this report: "the voltage was low last week due to a faulty relay and contact points. A specialist from GE was contacted and made temporary repairs and has ordered the necessary new parts which will be installed as soon they arrive."

The repairs were made last Friday, and the line voltage has been up to normal since then — and was so, as we go to press."

Of course the low voltage problem touched off several ticklish subjects — the main one being concerned with TV sets and reception since a drop in line voltage creates all kinds of problems in this field. So folks, don't blame your TV set for its actions last week — part of it could have been low voltage — and the rest, freak weather conditions.