

News That's Print To Fit

Well Folks, this is another one of those weeks that follows the pattern set by the fellow that once told us: "cheer up — things could get worse" — and so they have been!

We have been fighting the "battle of the bulky linotype" for several weeks and have had a mechanic fix it three times in that many weeks. It has had the pattern of running good right up to publication day — when the "little woman" wanted to set things for the front page — and then it would quit completely! And, today was no exception.

With an auto — you can drive it — or even tow or push it to a mechanic to get it fixed. However, with this type of a machine — "Mohammed has to go to the mountain!" So, after putting new clutch leathers on the "critter" — on a "do-it-yourself" basis via a lesson conducted over the telephone — without curing the patient — we just had to wait!

And, do you know what the diagnosis was after the "dr" arrived? "A flat-head on a 'safety-pin'!" No, it isn't what it sounds like — it was just normal wear and tear that wore an eight inch pin half way thru which is fastened to a safety lever and would throw the clutch out-of-gear before it completed its normal cycle! And the cure — all of two or three minutes, driving the pin out, turning it end-for-end, and driving it back in! And, now it works like a charm — Oh Yeh! Now! Later — Later — Tomorrow — Next Week? Like watching "Perry Mason" — wait and see!!!

There is an old saying that "signs may be deceiving" — and also that "nothing is permanent" — and we found this to be quite true this week. Despite the fact that we understand that someone went to a great deal of "toil, pain, and trouble" coming-up with an unusual sign — in an unusual place — over what you might call a "blessed event" — his masterpiece didn't make the "headlines" — and all he did was end up with a "brush-off" (and he even has the "brush-burns" to prove it).

Cheer up Al! Despite the fact that someone beat us to the sign before we could get a picture of it — we will still see that you get a "rave" for your efforts!

The ones of you that drove by the East Avenue home and saw the big banner acrossed the front of the Jackson home announcing the arrival of a "Blessed Event" can readily appreciate the problems involved putting up a sign like that — probably after dark — and without much assistance. And, for the rest of you folks — you will just have to read about it in this week's "New Arrivals"

And now for a "Holiday Scoop"!! Yep, Santa has visited Main Street — and the Christmas Trees are all in place waiting for businessmen to adorn them with lights etc.

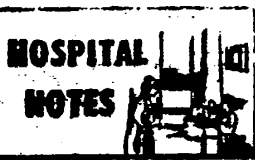
To "Ray" Snyder goes the distinction of having his trees lighted up on Main Street — First! with Howard Post having his decorations up the same day on North Main — only he didn't have his lights hooked-up as quick as "Ray's".

Fotine and her Elves worked faster over on "John's Corner" and had their tree lights on and lit up before Reta had her tree decorated and "lit up" in front of the Post Office.

Thus, the next contest will be to see who ends up by being the "goat" and is last to get their tree lighted up. Any bets to whether we will end up with the "booby prize" at the News Office? Or even a part of the prize? Maybe?

Well Folks, as far as the Deer Season" and "Deer Stories" are concerned — well, instead of a Deer hanging there — "thereby hangs a tale!"

We do have several stories to relate — but they are too "hairy" to relate fully in the space we have



Mrs. Evelyn Lynton, a medical patient in the Bethesda Hospital, returned to her home Wednesday.

Mrs. Richard Baker II, a medical patient in the Jones Memorial Hospital, returned home Wednesday.

Mark Taylor, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Taylor, a medical patient in the Bethesda Hospital, returned home Friday.

Mrs. Roger Baker is a medical patient in the Jones Memorial Hospital.

James Williams Jr., a patient in the St. James Mercy Hospital has been discharged.

Mrs. Miles Gorsuch was admitted to the St. James Mercy Hospital, Hornell, as a medical patient Monday.

Mrs. Harry Carney and infant son have returned to their home from the St. James Mercy Hospital.

Sheri Williams a patient in the St. James Mercy Hospital, Hornell, has returned home.

Raymond Mehlenbacher is a patient in the St. James Mercy Hospital.

George O'Dell is a patient in the Jones Memorial Hospital.

Mrs. Frank Hubbard is a patient in the Jones Memorial Hospital.

New Arrivals

Mr. and Mrs. Michael Baker (Ellen McAndrews) are the parents of a 6 lb. 7-oz. daughter, Mechele Lee, born Tuesday, December 1, 1970 at the Jones Memorial Hospital, Wellsville. Mr. and Mrs. Richard M. Baker are the paternal grandparents, Mrs. Leo McAndrews is the maternal grandmother and Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Baker are the paternal great grandparents.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Burgett of Wellsville, are the parents of a 7 lb. 8-oz. daughter, Nancy Elizabeth, born Wednesday, November 25, 1970 at the Bethesda Hospital, Hornell. Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Burgett are the paternal grandparents, and Mrs. Charles McCarr of Wellsville is the maternal grandmother.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Jackson (Jean Childs) are the parents of a 6 lb. 1-oz. daughter, Patricia Ann, born Monday, November 30, 1970 at the Jones Memorial Hospital, Wellsville. Mr. and Mrs. Clare Jackson are the paternal grandparents and Mr. and Mrs. Everett Childs are the maternal grandparents.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Carney (Charlotte Weldy) of Andover, R.D. are the parents of a son born Friday, November 27, 1970 at the St. James Mercy Hospital, Hornell.

Immunization Clinic To Be Held December 8th

An Immunization Clinic will be held at Andover Central School at 9 a. m. on December 8, 1970. Vaccines for protection against Polio, Measles, Whooping Cough, Diphtheria, Tetanus, Smallpox and German Measles (Rubella) will be given.

Rubella Vaccine is available for children between the ages of one (1) to ten (10) years. It is recommended that parents having children who expect to enter school in 1971 bring their children for the Rubella Vaccine at this time. Parents should bring records of child's previous immunizations. As the law requires that each child receive vaccine for Measles, Smallpox, Polio, and German Measles before entering school, it is wise to start a child early on this protective program.

Parents of pre-schoolers who have any questions may call the Allegany County Public Health Nursing Service at (716) 268-7488

available this week.

Perhaps by next week we will have the "epilogue" for these tales

Leonard W. Snyder

Leonard W. Snyder, 79 of Andover died Tuesday, December 1, 1970 in Mary's Nursing Home, Wellsville, following a long illness.

The son of the late Mr. and Mrs. William (Katherine Will) Snyder, he was born Sept. 17, 1891 in Andover.

Mr. Snyder was a farmer, and a retired employee of the Andover Highway Department; a 50-year member of the Andover Masonic Lodge No. 558 F. & A. M.; and a member of the Andover Presbyterian Church.

He is survived by four daughters, Mrs. Arthur (Louise) Kemp, Andover; Mrs. Robert (Shirley) Downing, Wappingers Falls; Mrs. Robert (Neva) Bristol, Owego; a brother, Herman Snyder, Alfred, six grandchildren; and three great grandchildren.

Masonic services were held at 8 p. m. Thursday.

Funeral and committal services will be held at the James B. Mulholland Funeral Home Friday, at 2 p. m. The Rev. Alan Minarick, pastor of the Andover Presbyterian Church will officiate.

Burial will be in Hillside Cemetery, Andover.

Grange News

West Greenwood Grange

A Neighbor Night meeting will be held Saturday, December 5 at the West Greenwood Grange with Oak Hill, Stephens Mills, and Troupsburg Granges as guests. Eileen DeMun, Lecturer of the Troupsburg Grange, will present the program.

West Greenwood members are to furnish rolls and dessert.

This is an Open Meeting and everyone is welcome.

The Regular Meeting of Andover Grange No. 1098 will be held at the Grange Hall, Wednesday evening, December 9th at 8:30 p. m.



American

Heritage

Almanac

December 2 — Dateline 1823 — President James Monroe announced the "Monroe Doctrine," warning European powers "against the extension of their systems to any portion of the Western Hemisphere, as dangerous to the peace and safety of the United States."

December 6 — Dateline 1884 — Army engineers completed construction of the Washington Monument.

December 15 — Dateline 1791 — The first ten amendments to the Constitution, "The Bill of Rights," became effective.

December 16 — Dateline 1944 — The "Battle of the Bulge" started. After 10 days of fighting, the Germans were halted and driven back by the allied forces.

December 17 — Dateline 1903 — Orville Wright flew his plane 120 feet in 12 seconds at Kitty Hawk, N. C.

December 25 — Dateline 1776 — General Washington crossed the Delaware River with his troops prior to a surprise attack on British forces at Trenton.

December 31 — Dateline 1948 — President Truman proclaimed cessation of hostilities, ending military operations of World War II.

Banks Continue As Largest Lender To New York State Farmers

Farmers in New York State were provided with more credit and other financial services by the state's commercial banks than any other lenders in the past year, according to L. Reid Mattison, Vice-President of the Citizens National Bank & Trust Co., Andover Office, who represents the New York State Bankers Association as Allegany County Key Banker. Throughout 1969 and into 1970, the banks maintained their leadership in agricultural credit services of all types.

With figures supplied from the annual farm-lending survey of the Agricultural and Rural Affairs Committee of the American Bankers Association, Mr. Mattison reported that New York banks were helping farmers with almost \$400 million in loans, 12 percent more than the previous year.

This total included \$156 million in production loans; \$242 million in farm mortgages; at same time, \$9 million in farm loans was held by life insurance companies; \$111 million by the Federal Land Banks; \$123 million by Production Credit Associations; and \$29 million in non-real estate loans, \$4 million in real estate loans by the Farmers Home Administration. About one-half of the non-real estate credit, extended by lending institutions to New York farmers came from banks.

Mr. Mattison said that "bankers in New York State are conscious of the large capital investments required in agriculture today and are making a concerted effort thru improved lending programs to meet these changing credit demands of the state's farmers."

The increased use of credit by farmers, according to Mr. Mattison has been accompanied by a substantial gain in the total assets of farm families. Therefore, in the aggregate, the equity position of farmers, contrary to public opinion, is being maintained at a satisfactory level. Nationally farm families have \$249 billion of their own funds invested in agriculture. This represents 81 per cent of the total capital requirements of the farmers.

Mr. Mattison stressed the importance of farmers and bankers working closely together to improve farm financial arrangements. He reported that nine out of 10 insured banks throughout the country had agricultural loans outstanding, with nearly 79 percent of the banks in New York State extending credit to farm people.

Applications For Merchant Marine Deadline Near

Young men interested in seeking appointment to the U. S. Merchant Marine Academy were urged to contact the office of Rep. James F. Hastings, who is the nominating authority for the 38th-Congressional District.

Rep. Hastings warned that the deadline for next year's class is December 31. Applicants must be at least 17 and not yet 22 by July 1 of next year. Additional details regarding qualifications can be obtained from the Congressman's office at 1107 Longworth Building, Washington, D. C. 20515.

Cadet-midshipmen, upon graduation, receive a degree of bachelor of science and may be commissioned in the U. S. Navy Reserve. Appointments are based on the results of physical and scholastic examinations.

Legion Auxiliary To Hold Christmas Party

The December meeting of the Lynch-Burgett American Legion Auxiliary will be held Monday, December 7th at 8 p. m. at the Legion Home. There will be a regular meeting and Christmas Party with an exchange of \$1.00 gifts.

The committee for the evening is: Hazel Burgett, Bessie Mulconery and Ann Appier.

Snowmobile News

Snowmobile owners, registering their sleds for the first time, are causing needless work for themselves by omitting required information on the registration application card or neglecting to see that the necessary information is provided on their proof of ownership.

According to Sal J. Prezioso, commissioner of Parks and Recreation, almost 80% of all errors in applications for registration can be charged to these items.

The bill of sale, to be acceptable as proof of ownership "assuring title to the machine must include: the name of the seller, the name of the buyer, date sold, year built, make, model style or number, Engine serial number, signature or initials of the seller or the salesman.

The vehicle identification number must also be given on the bill of sale. If the machine does not have such identification (as is the case for most sleds built before 1965) this must be noted. On the registration application form the absence of such a number should be indicated by writing "none" in the space provided for this information.

Snowmobiling is a family sport and every family sport should be safe for every member of the family participating in it.

To assure this, New York State is arranging courses in the safe operation of snowmobiles for the younger members of families thru out the state.

This course will consist of four one-hour sessions according to Parks and Recreation Commissioner Sal J. Prezioso and will be conducted by volunteer instructors. There will be no charge to the students. The work book and manual as well as the instructor's material will be provided by the Division of Marine and Recreational Vehicles whose Education and Safety Bureau is handling the training operation.

Attending the four classes and passing the final exam, is required as of October 1, 1971 for any youngster between the ages of ten and sixteen who wants to operate a snowmobile by himself. Under the snowmobile law now in effect such young operators must have their snowmobile safety certificate and the four hour course is the only way to earn it.

Youngsters under the age of 16 who do not hold a snowmobile safety certificate may operate a snowmobile after that date only on lands owned or leased by his parents or guardian. In this case he may operate the sled by himself.

Leased lands, in this instance, does not include lands leased by an organization of which the parents, guardian, or operator is a member.

4-H TO CO-OPERATE WITH PROGRAM

Mr. Thomas held an "Instructors Meeting" on Thursday evening, December 3, at 7:30 p. m. at the Horn Room, Town & Village Hall, Belmont. At the completion of this Training Course those attending can be authorized to be certified instructors to teach the "State Prescribed Safety Course" to youngsters age 10 through 15 — and issue them a SNOWMOBILE SAFETY CERTIFICATE which they will need to operate their snowmobile within the States rules and regulations.

Andover Golden Age Club To Meet Monday Dec. 7

The Andover Golden Age Club will meet Monday, December 7 in the Presbyterian Church Dining Hall for a buffet luncheon. Members are reminded to bring own table service and a tureen to pass. Names T-W will serve on the kitchen committee.

This will be the only meeting in December.

Keep On Buying Savings Bonds