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News That's Print To Fit

Well Folks, here we are starting out a New Year without making a single New Year's Resolution but we are determined to bring a lot of "unfinished business" before your eyes and, perhaps a "few drops" of "New Business".

One of the things that we, as well as all local residents living in the area of our two "roaring branch" streams, are thoroughly disgusted with is the handling of the "stream improvement plan" inside the Village Limits.

While it is true that the stream banks looked "real pretty" after the bulldozers, graders, back-hoes, etc. got thru shovelling and pushing tons of gravel around — this past thaw and ensuing "run-off" showed just how efficient the work had been accomplished when "the frosting was all washed off the cake". And, despite the damage caused recently, we can't see where anything has been done to ease the situation for a possible "January Thaw" — or the Annual Spring Floods!

When the State contracted crew came in to put the 50 feet of "rip-rap" (?) on the North side of Dyke Creek below the Main Street bridge in December, we were told that the State Engineer on the project said that there were funds available for 1,500 feet of the same type embankment — and that all the Village Officials had to do was apply for it. Not satisfied with one report, we asked one of the Bulldozer Operators that had been with the firm doing the work for some time, if this was true — and he said yes, it was true. He also said that if Village Officials didn't apply to have it done that the money would probably be spent in the Corning-Elmira area.

Since that was the same day as the last Town Board Meeting in December, we went to the meeting — told the Town Officials what we had been told — and asked what action could be taken. We were told that they understood that the parts of the streams inside the Village Limits were the responsibility of the Village and outside the Village, the responsibility of the Town — which makes sense — and is understandable. However, they said that they would request that the State put in "rip-rap" on Dyke Creek between the Main Street bridge and the Second Street bridge on the grounds it was necessary to protect the new bridge that money is already allocated to build. We were also told that the Village Mayor had stated that the Village had put in a request to have this work done prior to the recent flooding.

Thus, if this has been done what and where, is the hang-up? Is there a break-down in communications between the Village and State Agencies? Between the State Agencies and State Engineers? Or in the supervision or follow-up of the request (s)?

We personally saw an Official Letter from one of our Congressmen to a local resident in answer to their request for action to be taken in restoring the stream bed in Dyke Creek to its original position and, it stated that according to Congressman's information, the work had been completed satisfactorily under, and we quote: "the supervision of the Village of Andover's Vice-Mayor". So the \$64,000 question is: "who is passing the buck" or — what is the actual truth.

And, we feel that the most important question that we can pose: "Is there anyone in Andover smart enough to solve this problem — and get some action on it — before it is too late?"

Next week it appears as if we are going to have to discuss a real "Whodunit Mystery" titled: "The Case of the Missing Cop". Like where was he when the fire broke out on Main St., Dec 21: the 48 hour period in answering a call about a theft (see letter to the Editor): a call to answer an answer

Fire Ruins Christmas Plans For Local Couple

A serious fire on the evening of December 21, 1972, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Hannan, 17 Main St., nearly opposite the Fire Hall, ruined the plans of this young couple for the Christmas Holidays as they had intended on entertaining their parents from the Albany area for Christmas. Instead, after being left homeless from the disastrous blaze that gutted their home, they visited their parents for the Holidays.

Mr. Hannan reports that he was upstairs in their home Thursday evening when he was alerted to danger by the smell of smoke and the sound of strange noises around 10:30 p. m. He went downstairs in the back of the home and found smoke and flames pouring up from the cellar under the stairway. Realizing that the fire was beyond his control, he rescued his two Irish Setters and took them next door where he had Mrs. Oliver Baker report the fire to the Andover Fire Department.

Within just a couple of minutes, Mike says that the fire reached the electrical wiring with the lights going out, making any further attempts to save their valuables or household goods impossible.

Firemen were hampered for a while from pouring water on one area in back where the fire was the worst as the electric service was arcing heavily at the entrance junction, and had to wait until the service could be disconnected at the pole in back of the house.

According to Mr. Hannan, the fire was confined to the rear half of the house, but the entire interior suffered heavy smoke and water damage. The couple purchased the home in August, 1971 from Mrs. Esther Joyce and it was partially remodeled at that time. Over the past two years, the couple had spent much of their spare time completing the remodeling downstairs.

Mr. Hannan is a Senior at Alfred University where he is majoring in Economics and his wife, Mary is employed at the Andover Restaurant. The couple are presently looking for an apartment or home in the Andover area until a decision can be reached on their destroyed property.

Having Trouble To See Your Telephone Dial?

Is it hard for you to see the numbers on the dial of your telephone? The Andover Lions Club has a supply of Giant Plastic Phone Dials which also glow in the dark.

As part of our Sight Conservation Program, we will give these away free to people needing larger numbers on their telephone dial.

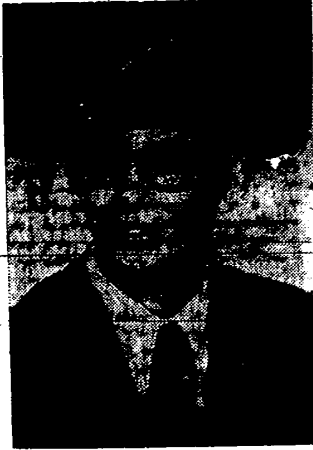
These dials may be obtained at the D & L Feed Store, Thorp's Hardware, or at the Andover News Office — or — by calling 478-5645

James Bliss,
Sight Conservation Chairman

New Arrivals

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ordiway (Diane Lehman) of Grove Street, are the parents of a son born Saturday, December 30 at the Bethesda Hospital in Hornell.

dent where three vehicles were involved; a call on Route 17 where a girl was found along the road in a dazed or drugged condition the night of Jan. 1st, 1973; the past week when a female dog (bitch) has been "barking" and "baying" and "mirrors" have been barking and howling night and day, trying to get in to see her — and perhaps console her? We have been told that when the "Peace of the Village is being disturbed" that this comes under the jurisdiction of the Police — not just the Dog Warden! Is this correct? Suppose we will have an answer or solution by next week?



Brian Cannon



Susan Church



Lois Gram



Tom MacMichael

Four ACS Students Receive Scholarships

Four Seniors in this year's graduating class have won New York State Regents Scholarships. These Seniors are Brian Cannon, Susan Church, Lois Gram and Tom MacMichael.

Brian Cannon, the son of Mr. and Mrs. John L. Cannon has a math and science major. He has been very active in sports — basketball, soccer, cross country and track. He has been a Varsity Club member for three years. In addition to his sports activities, he has also participated in band choir, class plays and Red Cross. He is the Art Editor of the Yearbook and has the honor of being an Eagle Scout with a bronze palm.

Susan Church, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Conrad Church, will be graduating with a math, science and Spanish major. She has been a member of band, choir, GAA, Library Council and Hi-Herald. She is a three-year member of the National Honor Society and she is the recipient of the Bausch and Lomb Science Award. Earlier this year Susan was awarded a Letter of Commendation for her high performance on the 1971 Preliminary Aptitude Test.

Lois Gram, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Gram has a math, science and Spanish major. She has participated in band, Library Council, Hi-Herald and GAA. She

has been a member of the National Honor Society for three years. This year she was presented with a Letter of Commendation for her high score on the 1971 Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Tests. During her junior year, Lois was a contestant in the Oratorical Contest.

Tom MacMichael, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Phillip MacMichael, is a math and science major. Many of his activities have centered around sports and music. He has been active not only in swimming track, baseball and soccer, but also in band and choir. This year Tom is serving on the Student Council. During his junior year he attended Boys' State. He is a three-year member of both the National Honor Society and Varsity Club.

A recipient of this scholarship is entitled to an award of \$250 to \$1,000 per year, for up to five years of study at any college in New York State. Also, scholarship winners can receive a scholar incentive award of up to \$600 per year. The amount received depends on family income.

The basis on which these Scholarships are awarded is according to the score in the Regents Scholarship and College Qualification Test. This is a six hour test administered each year, measuring high school achievement and general academic ability.

Tree Pick-up

The Andover Rod & Gun Club has announced that the Annual Christmas Tree Pick-up will be carried out on Saturday, January 6, 1973.

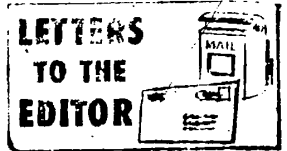
Residents are requested to have their old Christmas Tree out along the curb by 8 A. M. Saturday morning, January 6, 1973, so that members will be sure to pick them up as this will be a — one-time — one-route deal.

Attention Lions!

There will be a regular dinner-meeting of the Andover Lions Club Thursday evening, January 11, 1973, at 7:00 P. M. at the Legion Hall.

The Board of Directors will meet Monday, January 8 at 7:00 P. M. at the residence of Lion President, "Red" Allen. Members of the Finance Committee are requested to attend this meeting.

Lion George Brown, Sec.



Mrs. Lois Logan
22 Main Street
Andover, N. Y.
January 2, 1973

Dear Editor,

Perhaps the Taxpayers of this community are not aware of the problems that are confronting all of us. Within the last hours I have given this, which only can be described as a sorry state of affairs, some serious thought and deep concern.

I am referring to our lack of law enforcement in the Community. I'm writing not only to make others aware of the danger that is gripping our Village, but to ask you, Mister Editor, PLEASE, tell all of us how long does it take a law enforcement officer to answer a call?

As I write this letter to you, it has been over 48 hours since the first call went in, reporting a theft. The Police Answering Service appears to be the only person that is "on the ball" as she seems at least to have enough concern for all of us to do her best. However, when she can not find our Police Officer, what is she to do? While making my last call at precisely 12:10, I ask myself, "What can the poor lady do that answers the phone?" Then it occurred to me that we aren't doing anything to help either!

I have opposed some issues, ordinances, etc., in my short time in Andover, feeling very strongly about each and every one of them, but unfortunately, we don't seem to have the stick-togetherness to see to some of these matters that now seem unjust to so many.

There are undoubtedly many reasons that are big factors as to why we all sit still and say nothing. Possibly, we have a good friend that we wouldn't like to offend, or, perhaps we just can't see why we should speak up, but sooner or later the situations that are with us can in no way be ignored.

Today my daughter handed me a match cover to read and it seemed to be such a coincidence especially when my concern for all of our well being seems of the utmost at the present time. I would like to pass on to you what was imprinted on that piece of cardboard:

A BURSTING BLOOM
A TRILLING BIRD
TWO SELDOM SEEN
NOT OFTEN HEARD

Do you suppose, Mister Editor, that this is the way with most of us? — Who finally concedes defeat? Or, as one might say, tossed in the towel? Stays silent like a child — who should be seen and not heard? Or, do you think that perhaps we could make a sound — like thunder — and manage to correct ALL OUR BLUNDERS? Maybe, at least a few?

Don't you think that action should be taken to correct this situation — before we have another tragedy like what has happened here in Andover in the past?

Respectfully,
Lois Logan

Scout News

Brownie Troop No 219

Brownie Troop No. 219 had their Christmas Party on Wednesday, December 20. They exchanged gifts with each other and each received a small gift from their Leader, Carol Davis and Shirley Thorp. They enjoyed games and refreshments.

On Saturday, December 23, our Troop joined Mrs. Horan's Girl Scout Troop and went Christmas Caroling. A good time was had by all.

Our Brownie Troop has been selling Girl Scout calendars and would like to thank all who have supported us by purchasing one.