

## Off-Track Betting Proposition Defeated

The off-track betting proposition lost by several lengths in a special county-wide referendum Tuesday, as Allegany County Voters said "neigh" to the resolution authorizing affiliation with the Western Regional Off-Track Betting Corporation.

County returns showed 1,867 voting "neigh" and 1,470 voting "yea" and, since a simple majority was required, the negative results have the effect of voiding the local law bringing the County into the WROTB. This brings the Off-Track Betting Proposition to a standstill in the County for at least two years, when it might be possible to resubmit the issue to the legislators.

The 3,337 who voted in the special referendum compares with the approximately 18,500 residents who are eligible to vote.

Here in Andover the recorded vote was: District 1 — 84 NO; 29 yes; District 2 — 59 NO; 29 yes; for a total of 143 votes against and 53 votes for the proposition. Thus the nearly 3-1 vote against it was in a much higher proportion than in most parts of the County since Cuba carried it by a 2-1 vote; and Wellsville carried a yes vote by a comfortable margin. The highest proportion of votes against the OTB Proposition was in the Town of Caneadea where it was voted down by 163 to 25 for over a 6 to 1 margin.

The controversial OTB issue was voted on Nov. 26, 1973 by the Allegany County Board of Legislators and was carried by a vote of 8 to 7 in favor of OTB. However, it was brought to a popular referendum vote after Allegany County residents, led by Mrs. C. E. Cochran, a Wellsville School Teacher, carried out a successful petition drive obtaining more than 1,500 signatures to present to the County Legislators calling for a referendum.

And, from our observation, it shows what people are thinking at the real "grass-roots" level in small communities and rural areas.

## The Mayor's Column

by Jim Bliss

Now that the bicycle season is here again, we should be concerned with Bicycle Safety. Motorists can be as careful as possible, but if the boys and girls are not, the results can be deadly. It's pretty near impossible to stop a two-ton car when a bike comes whipping around the corner. The rules of the road apply to all vehicles, including bikes. For your sake and the sake of your children help them become aware of the need to ride bikes in a safe manner.

Our crossing guard is back on duty after recuperating from a fall. Again we ask your co-operation in having all children from the North-West area of town cross at the blinker.

Chief Howe covered the crossing morning and afternoon in the absence of Mrs. Gaus. If anyone is interested in volunteering as a substitute crossing guard contact the Village Office.

The Hotel has finally been sold to the Rural Management Association of Allegany County who operate the Andover Medical Center. We look for the demolition of the building in the near future.

ordered Tuesday by Judge Edward Horey have been completed.

Further developments in the case are expected within a week or so. County Officials are quoted as saying that they felt it would be impossible for Mr. D'Arcy to continue to hold his elective office, especially in view of the "official misconduct" charges, made against him by the grand jury.



There hasn't been much "going on" at our homes for the past 2 weeks except — the operation of certain machines which go: clickety, clack, clack, etc. Sometimes the rhythm is bearable and sometimes, when trying to think of how to "put a certain family together", there is absolutely no rhythm — merely silence.

But, all things being equal, as the old saying goes — and just when, pray tell are all things ever equal? But — this history business does deal a few fun moments — like seeing and talking with friends and relatives we haven't heard from in eons, like finally getting down in print all those names and bits of information that we always "meant to do" etc. (These comments are not particularly all personal, as they have been made by numerous "history-diggers" which makes them important words).

Well, anyway, here is a thought that came with the typing: These members of this year's senior class are all old Andoverites. We think they each can claim direct line of descent from an early settler, and some of them "go back" six generations. — Danny Davis, Allison Davis, Brian Lynch, George Burger, Steve Dunham, Chad Grossman, Carol Clark, Dennis Ordiway, Mike Dibble, Mike Reith, Carol Weber, DeeDee Gorsuch, Theresa Polmateer, Ruth Atwell, Jennie Howland, and Betty Jackson.

Who says no one who is born in a small town — ever stays there very long?

The Sesqui Executive Committee held a special meeting on Monday evening, May 6, 1974 at Sesqui Headquarters to discuss in particular:

- (1) the Town History Book, which the History Committee feels is, and has been rather well organized since February — with a great deal of material already written and typed;
- (2) Materials available at Headquarters — if you need anything special, leave a message or contact Harold Rice;
- (3) Leon McNeill reports 30 Chapters of the "Brothers-of-the-Brush" already organized which encompasses around 500 area males;
- (4) Phil Fitch announced that the sale of the second (batch) of souvenir Sesqui pens with the seal is progressing very satisfactory and also that wooden nickels are now in circulation. These may be purchased in sets of 5 which include all five colors at Sesqui Headquarters and are also being given at local stores in lieu of small change;
- (5) Parade Committee discussed numbers and types of trophies to be given as prizes to winners in the various parades in August;
- (6) Frank Cahill, Fireworks Chairman, discussed plans for the Fireworks Display;
- (7) Two more new banners like the one displayed on the front of the Hotel have arrived and will be strung up across the main entrances to the Village as soon as necessary permission has been received;
- (8) The burial date for "John Q. Razor" and "Mary Cosmetic" was set for June 1 as the original date of May 25 conflicted with the Alumni Banquet weekend. The Queen's Tea Date remains as scheduled for June 23 as ACS Baccalaureate is scheduled for Sunday June 16, and Graduation is set for Saturday June 22, 1974;
- (9) Working Capital Fund thru participation shares is now \$3,579.

Additional new members to the "Founders Club" are: Richard and Doris Baker; Ding and Fotine Nor-

## Little League Collection Drive

Saturday May 11th, is the annual Little League Money Drive. All boys in Little League will meet in front of the Market Basket at 10:00 a. m. in uniform.

## Free Blood Pressure Clinic

The Andover Medical Center will hold a Free Blood Pressure Clinic Wednesday, May 15th from 9:00 a. m. to 5:00 p. m. at the Nursing Annex.

## Babe Ruth Practice Tuesday, May 14

There will be Babe Ruth practice on Tuesday, May 14th, at 6:00 p. m. at the High School Diamond. If any boy the age of 13 - 15 is interested in playing, they must have their application turned in before May 14th to Avery Mead, Carl Atwell or Frank Russell.

ton and Andover Rod & Gun Club, Andover Lions Club, Andover Grange No. 1098, Joyce Pipe Line, and Citizens National Bank and Trust Co.

The next General Meeting will be at 8 p. m., May 20, 1974 at the ACS Cafeteria to include Reports from Division and Committee heads.

## Sesqui Belles News

Twenty-three Belle Chapters have now been formed for Andover's forthcoming Sesqui-Centennial. Despite the fact that the first order of 300 pins is gone, a new shipment is being anxiously awaited and will be available at Sesqui-Headquarters as soon as they arrive.

There are several Belle Chapters in the process of organizing and as soon as their membership forms are completed they can take their completed kits to Headquarters to be recorded and receive their Belle pins. For you ladies that don't belong to a Chapter, if you would like to start your own — stop in at Headquarters and pick up an organizing kit — and then go to work. Or, if you wish to join a Chapter that is already formed, four Belle Chapters have already extended invitations to Ladies to join their Chapters in their News Items published in the "Andover News".

Mark this date on your calendar — All Main Belles and Supreme Council Belles: there will be a meeting at 8 p. m., Wednesday May 15, 1974 at the ACS Cafeteria. This will be the first Supreme Council Meeting with many important matters to discuss and hopefully, preliminary plans can be drawn up for the "Sesqui-Belle Day" during Andover's Sesqui-Centennial Celebration the week of August 11 thru August 17, 1974. Harold Rice Headquarters Chairman will be present at this meeting to explain the role of his Headquarters as well as the 40% - 60% ration of fund-raising projects.

If your Belle Chapter isn't completely formed, please send a representative to this meeting — or else come yourself.

Special Note: Belle Chapters may be formed until June 10, 1974 which is the final cut-off date.

## Brother-of-the-Brush News

According to Leon McNeill, Chairman of the Men's participation, there are now 30 Chapters of the Brothers-of-the-Brush formed with over 600 members participating.

The next Supreme Council Meeting will be held at 8 p. m., May 15, 1974 at the Andover Rod & Gun Club. All Main Brushes and Supreme Council Members are requested to attend and all Chapter Officers are invited and urged to attend.

## Andover Lions Club To Hold Leo Club Meeting

The Andover Lions Club will hold a public meeting on Thursday, May 16 to provide complete information about their new "Leo Club". The meeting will be held at the Catholic Church Hall starting at 7:00 p. m. On April 24, 1974, the Lions Club announced plans for the Leo Club, open to all young men and women age 15 through 20. Many persons have contacted the Lions expressing interest in joining the Leo Club.

The purpose, goals and activities of the Leo Club will be explained in detail at the meeting on May 16. Information folder and application forms will be distributed. Community acceptance of the Leo program is growing and a large turnout at the meeting is anticipated.

Lions International has authorized the sponsoring of Leo Clubs for each of its 23,445 Lions Clubs. The program is designed to give young people the opportunity to develop leadership and gain experience in community service activities. Leo Club members will be allowed to develop and carry out community service projects of their own choosing. They will elect their own officers and operate from their own budget. The Lions Club will act in an advisory capacity only.

Information about the Leo Club is available now by contacting Lion Carmine Ceglia, Leo Lion Club Chairman for the Andover Lions Club at 478-8937, or at the Village Barber Shop in Andover.

Lion Jack Southcombe, District 30-E I Leo's Club Chairman, will be here to help set up the Club and obtain the Leo Club Charter. All interested persons contact Carmine Ceglia at 478-8937 — or stop in at the Village Barber Shop.

## PTSA News

The annual PTSA Teachers Recognition Day Banquet will be held Thursday, May 16, at 6:30 p. m. in the school cafeteria. The theme will be "The Four Seasons". This is the one day we have to show our appreciation to the teachers at Andover Central for their tremendous service to our community of Andover.

We ask only that you bring your own table service. Members will be contacted for a dish to pass. If you have not already made reservations, please do so by calling Karen Peterson 478-8191.

We hope to see ALL members of the Andover PTSA at this banquet.

## Andover Lions Club To Sponsor Village Clean-Up

As part of their Ecology Program, the Andover Lions Club will conduct a Village Clean-Up Program on Saturday, May 18, 1974. This project, named "Community Pride", will encompass the cooperation of all residents — especially Andover Central School Students.

Students wishing to participate in the clean-up project will be assigned to a team under the supervision of a Lions Member to operate in a certain specified area within the Village.

Upon completion of the day's program, each participating student will be given a paid admission to the High School dance sponsored by the ACS Sophomore Class on Saturday night May 18th. These tickets will be paid for by the Andover Lions Club and given to the Students to show the Lions Club appreciation for their assistance and interest in their Community.

## Grasshoppers Begin Saturday, May 11th

Grasshoppers will begin Saturday May 11th at 10:00 a. m. at the Little League Diamond. Any boy within the age of 6 - 7 - 8 can play.



John T. D'Arcy

## John T. D'Arcy County D. A. Indicted

John T. D'Arcy, Allegany County District Attorney was indicted Tuesday on 85 separate charges, all misdemeanors involving what the "man on the street" understands as sexual gratification from female bondage.

The indictment was: third degree assault, one count; endangering the welfare of a child, 16 counts; second degree unlawful imprisonment, 29 counts; third degree forgery, two counts; third degree criminal possession of a forged instrument, eight counts; and, official misconduct, 29 counts.

The charges named seven Wellsville females, two of which were underage at the time, with at least three more that were married.

Mr. Edward F. Mergler, former District Attorney for Bolivar, was appointed as Special District Attorney on April 8, 1974 by County Judge William Serra, read the indictment with the various charges summarized as follows: 29 charges of unlawful imprisonment, second degree, dating from July 25, 1973 to April 3, 1974, which involve binding, blindfolding, and gagging various females at Mr. D'Arcy's Main St. Office and his residence at 200 East Pearl St., Wellsville.

The 16 charges of endangering the welfare of a child date from July 25 1973 to April 2, 1974, and involve Mr. D'Arcy's physically restraining female minors under 17 years of age by binding, gagging, and blindfolding, the charge said.

The charge of assault, third degree, occurred Jan. 5, 1974 when Mr. D'Arcy caused physical injury to one of the women by putting the hair of her head, pulling a bandage from her face, and binding her hands with rawhide, the charge read.

The 2 charges of forgery, 3rd degree, occurred Nov. 18, 1973 and March 25, 1974 involving Mr. D'Arcy misrepresenting the National District Attorney's Association, the charge implied.

The 8 charges of possession of a forged instrument, 3rd degree, alleged that Mr. D'Arcy misrepresented the National District Attorney's Association, the indictment read. The charges claimed Mr. D'Arcy used the forged instrument as a means to bind, gag, and blindfold females.

The 29 charges of official misconduct involved Mr. D'Arcy's unauthorized exercise of his official functions as District Attorney when he restrained females at his office and at his home, the charge read.

The charges were signed by Mr. Mergler and given as a "true bill" of action of the grand jury, in that the panel felt there was sufficient reason to make the charges.

It should be noted that the situation is only in the "charge" stage — that no charge of guilty or not guilty has been entered, and will not be allowed to be entered until after mental examinations