

ANOTHER APPROACH TO

LOCAL LAW AND ORDER — An Editorial

This week we are starting to publish our local Andover Justice Court Report on a monthly basis in co-operation with the Village Board in an effort to help enforce local "Law and Order"

We have instituted this policy several times in the past and continued until we ceased to receive the full co-operation of officials — and then we stopped printing the report in both instances.

Our policy this time, as in the past, will be to publish the complete Justice Court Report of ALL convictions — not arrests — but convictions and, there will be no exceptions! Under our American system of justice all Citizens are considered innocent — until proven guilty or found guilty in a duly constituted court of law. Thus, just because a person is arrested does not necessarily mean he is guilty of the charge — until he is found guilty in court. Also, if a case should be appealed to a higher court, the report of that superior court will also be published in fairness to the lower court and to the person involved.

We firmly believe that publishing the Court Report will act as a deterrent and will help to enforce Law and Order at all levels and, this is also the belief of the current Village Board — as they have asked us to print the report as a public service of which we have agreed to do.

Under our system of Justice, the laws are supposed to pertain to everyone equally — with no exceptions. However, when dealing with humans, mistakes may be made — and perhaps even bribery may creep into the "system". Despite its flaws though — it still appears to be the best sort of justice anywhere else in the world.

Why? Because, we the people, have the right and privilege to elect our own Officials — and even have a choice in selecting a candidate to run for election. The primary elections this week is a very good example of this, both in the Republican contest for Sheriff in Allegany County, as well as the contests in the Democrat party. A millionaire was defeated in his bid to run for Governor, probably in part due to his past public record; and a female State Senator won by a large margin in her bid to run for Lt. Governor on the same slate, more likely because of her fine record in the State Government.

However, along with our right to vote — goes the responsibility of helping support the laws of our land, especially in the law enforcement category for, without law and order — we would have chaos in our society. Crime would run rampant and the people with the "fastest guns" and the most followers would rule — as they did in our early "wild west" days.

Obviously, we the Taxpayers, can't afford to hire enough police protection to catch all of the offenders and law breakers but — with our assistance — violations could be reduced drastically.

Let's paraphrase the old adage: "charity begins at home" to "law enforcement begins at home" with our own Village Court as the "grass roots" level where "it all starts"!

As long as the Village Board is making a sincere effort to maintain "Law and Order" in OUR Community, we will do our part by printing the results of our Village Justice Court — even at the obvious risk of being unpopular or possibly gaining the enmity of persistent law-breakers. But, we will assure you that there will be no partiality shown by us — it will be the policy of: all convictions reported — or none! No exceptions — so please don't ask.



50 YEARS AGO

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The Centennial of the Andover Presbyterian Church was held Saturday, August 30 and Sunday, August 31. Saturday afternoon was a get-together meeting where former members and attendants renewed acquaintances with resident members of the congregation. At 6 o'clock the ladies of the church served dinner to two hundred people. At 8 p. m. short talks were enjoyed by former pastors and former members of the congregation, with Rev. R. E. MacGowan presiding, assisted by the following: Jesse S. Phillips of New York City, Rev. H. D. Bacon of Portville, Prof. Thomas H. Armstrong of Rochester and Rev. H. B. Williams. Sunday A. M., one of the largest congregations ever seated in the church, heard the Centennial Sermon given by the pastor, Rev. R. E. MacGowan. A large choir furnished special music with Howard Richardson and Carl Hann singing appropriate solos and Miss Alice Rogers assisted on her violin. At the afternoon service the church was again filled to capacity to hear Rev. H. D. Bacon and Rev. H. B. Williams. The church has a membership of 175 people.

Miss Isabelle MacKay of Addison was the guest of Miss Mary Snyder and attended the Centennial Service of the Presbyterian Church.

The Swain Reunion was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Hess of Canaseraga, Labor Day with sixty-five relatives present. Officers for 1925 were elected as follows: President, John Swain of Canaseraga; Vice-President, George Swain of Wellsville; Secretary and Treasurer, Mrs. Nora Hess of Canaseraga. The entertainment committee is Mrs. Mable Caple of Hornell. After the meeting a short musical program was given. The 1925 Reunion will be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Swain of Canaseraga, Labor Day. Among those from Andover attending were: Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Orvis, Mrs. Amelia Orvis, Ed Swain, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bines and Georgia, Mr. and Mrs. William Bines, Mr. and Mrs. John Dodge and family.

The Pease-Richie Reunion was held at Island Park in Wellsville, August 28 with forty-four members present. The following officers were elected for 1925: R. A. Pease, President; A. R. Mead, Vice-President; Jennie Smith, Secretary-Treasurer. The next Reunion will be held the last Saturday in June 1925.

Cuba Big Fair is September 9, 10, 11, and 12, 1924. Allegany County's Get-Together Week, Farm and Home Bureau and Grange Day will be September 10. The Country Theatre will have two different shows each day. Wednesday, Hallsport (Mrs. Martin Entertains the Sewing Circle); Little Genesee, (The Changed Housewife); Thursday: Independence, (Joint Owners of Spain); Alfred, (The Makers of Dreams); Friday, Ohi, (Betsey Ann) and Petrolia: (Teeth of the Gift Horse). The players from Independence were Mrs. Walter Greene, Mrs. W. J. Potter, Mrs. Wallace Briggs, Mrs. R. A. Clarke and their coach was Mrs. E. R. Crandall.

Mr. and Mrs. David Slocum received the news Labor Day that a son was born to their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Harold F. Horton at the Millard Fillmore Hospital in Buffalo. The little man will bear to the name of John Harold with (Jack) for short.

Miss Betty Cannon gave a party Saturday evening in honor of her cousins, Francis and Mary Phillips of New York City.

Carroll Lyle Tucker and Miss Marguerite Mole Christian, both of Rochester, were united in marriage, Tuesday at the Jefferson Avenue Episcopal Church. They were attended by Miss Dolores Heller of Syracuse and Roland Stephens of Andover. They will reside in Rochester.

Miss Sara Bettinger and Ruth Parker gave a dinner and dancing party Friday evening. Those present from out-of-town were: Thomas Williams of Freeport, Ohio, Parker Herzeberger of Perry, N. Y., Francis and Mary Phillips of New York City, Laura Chapman of Genesee, Pa., Vera Harder, Marie Leo, Alex Lipperman, Donald Shear and Grant Duke of Wellsville.

Com. Howland's recent work on our highways has been a great improvement to them.

Jordan and Company's well was shot last Friday and contractor McAndrew is about to move his rig to another location.

Howard and Lenora Dean of South Hill, motored to Bradford, Pa., Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Hardy and children of Independence, have moved to Hornell where he has employment.

Mrs. Charles Howland and baby, Kathleen, were calling on Mrs. Charles Cole of Elm Valley, Saturday.

Mrs. M. F. Baker and Miss Ruth Baker of Tip Top, attended the Hornell Fair one day last week.

Miss Rose Green of Tip Top will attend school in Andover this year.

Miss Ruth M. Baker of Tip Top commenced her school in Alfred Station, September 2nd.

Mrs. Robert Church of Andover commenced her school at Tip Top Tuesday.

Among those from Davis Hill that attended the Hornell Fair last week were: Leo Davis, Mrs. Pearl Davis, Leeman Davis, Edna Joyce, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Slocum and Clifford Burdick.

The Williams Family Reunion was held Labor Day at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Williams in Railroad Valley with sixty present. Officers for the coming year are: President, Elbert Nash; Vice President, J. L. Williams; and Secretary-Treasurer, Helen Cook.

A slight frost occurred Thursday A. M., September 4.

Mrs. Raymond Snyder and daughter, Nancy Jane, have both been ill the past week. Nurse Elizabeth Folsing has been caring for them.

Mrs. William Woodruff entertained Saturday, August 23 at her home in honor of Miss Lucia Basley of Santa Barbara, Calif., and Mrs. Flora B. Woodruff of Livonia.

The following Andover men have been drawn to serve as Grand Jurors at a term of Supreme Court to be held at Belmont, Monday, September 8: R. E. Spicer, George Alvord and E. D. Baker.

Charles Caple has purchased the Comstock building formerly occupied as a wagon shop just across the bridge on North Main Street, of Mrs. Preston. It is understood that Mr. Caple will start up a blacksmith and wagon shop there soon.

Voorhees Hill News — About 90 persons gathered for the "Old Timers Picnic" at the Pine Grove on Voorhees Hill, Labor Day. Those from out-of-town came from Olean, Attica, Perry, Elmira, and Lawrence, Michigan. The oldest person present was 89 and the youngest baby was 3 months. It was voted to hold the picnic next year at the same place.

School opened on Voorhees Hill Tuesday with Miss Alma Fitzgerald as teacher with 13 pupils enrolled.

Miss Nellie Walsh of Dansville was home Sunday and Labor Day.

Rev. H. D. Bacon and son, Charles of Portville were guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Brundage during the Presbyterian Centennial Celebration.

Rev. H. B. Williams and son, Thomas, who have been guests of Andover friends for a week, left on Train 26 Wednesday A. M., Mr. Williams returning to Rochester and Charles to Freeport, Ohio.

Mrs. Nan Lever and son, Floyd of Boston, Mass., Dr. Cranstock of Wellsville, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Sutton, Mrs. Eta Phillips and Miss Clara Comstock of Hornell, attended the Centennial of the Presbyterian Church, Sunday and were guests at the Bullard home on Byne Street.

Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Hann and Charles Caple took Miss Mena Caple to Buffalo, Sunday, where she entered the Bryant-Stratton Business College. They started at 8 A. M. drove 276 miles and reached home Sunday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bines and daughter, Georgia, spent Sunday

News From Albany

by Assemblyman James L. Emery

Genesee — The office of Assemblyman James L. Emery (R-Genesee) announced his schedule for the week beginning September 13 as follows:

Friday, September 13th, Assemblyman Emery will be attending the October Fest Parade in Dansville, sponsored by the Jackson Hose Company.

Sunday, September 15th, 1:00 p. m., Mr. Emery will be attending the Annual Kwanis Parade in Craig, Developmental Center in Sonyea.

at Cuba Lake. Miss Doris Livermore returned to Elmira to the school where she has been teaching for another year.

Mr. and Mrs. Knox Miller of Greenwood, a former active member of the Andover Presbyterian Church, were in attendance at the Centennial Services.

Rev. A. D. Sheppard and family left Andover Tuesday by motor for their new pastorate and home at Waterloo, N. Y.

The Misses Ann Gallagher, Frances Beebe, Helen and Elizabeth Folsing and Mrs. R. E. Temple returned home Thursday after spending a few days at Cuba Lake.

40 YEARS AGO

August 24, 1934

J. H. Backus & Son, Publishers Charles B. Caple gets the Court House contract for improvements on the Allegany County Court House. The work to be done will cost \$1,800, exclusive of electrical installations necessary.

Prof. and Mrs. Rodney Robinson of Rutherford N. J., entertained the Robinson Reunion August 17 at their cottage in Williams Grove. They were assisted by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Robinson. Officers elected were: B. A. Clair, President; Rodney Robinson, Historian and Miss Ruth Robinson, Secretary.

School Supt. W. G. Pope has announced the names of teachers of schools in the fifth district of Allegany County which includes Andover. Glenn E. Bretch, Principal; Doris Baker, Anna Lynch, H. Alfred Bruen, Annette Taylor, Genevieve Clarke, Thelma M. Lewis and Bertrude O. Connell are the teachers.

The 59th Harvest Home of the Presbyterian Church is being well attended at press time this Thursday, with over 300 diners served. The program includes talks by Mrs. Annie Sisson of Columbia University and J. Knox Miller of Greenwood with concert by the American Legion Band.

The Hincher Reunion was held Saturday at the cottage owned by Charles Burdick at Elm Valley. Officers elected were: Howard Burdick, President; Albert Sartore, Vice-President; Mrs. Carl Burdick, Secretary and Treasurer.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Joyce welcomed a baby boy at their home Thursday, August 23.

Mrs. Mary Crandall aged 84, was awarded the prize for the oldest member in attendance at the Allegany Farmers Picnic held at Cuba Lake last Friday.

A white frost on the roofs and grass Tuesday A. M.

Miss Gertrude Dwyer and Augustine D. Padden were united in marriage by the Rev. P. C. Tracy in the Immaculate Conception Church of Wellsville, August 16. The couple were attended by Miss Evangeline Dwyer of Coudersport, Pa., sister of the bride and Laurence Padden, brother of the groom. They will make their home in Wellsville, where the groom is employed at the Sinclair Refinery.

Lindorf Horton of Rider College, Trenton, N. J., is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Horton.

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Jones entertained for dinner Wednesday, Sept. 11, and Mrs. Leah Cook and daughter Betty of Raleigh, N. C. Mrs. Della Bullard and John Downing.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Howland and children, Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Hann,

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