

Village Board Holds Monthly Meeting

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Trustees was held in the Village Office, Monday evening, December 9th at 7:30. Those present: James Bliss, Mayor; Michael Brace, Avery Mead and Paul Hyland, Trustees; and Robert Costello, Supt. of Public Works. Minutes of the meeting held November 11th were read and approved on a motion made by Avery Mead and seconded by Michael Brace. Carried.

Paul Whitehouse, representing the Cub Scouts, was present to offer the services of the Scouts for removing snow from around fire hydrants. Moved by Michael Brace and seconded by Paul Hyland to accept the help of the Scouts and to commend them for their enthusiasm and community spirit. Carried.

Karen Peterson, representing the Youth Council was present to give a report on a survey taken at school as to the recreation and projects the students were most interested in. As these reports were inconclusive there will be a youth committee meeting and another report given.

The problem of snow removal was discussed, as the Village truck is not available to haul the snow away from curbs after a storm. Robert Costello was instructed to find available dump trucks and find out the cost per hours for rental.

The County Solid Waste proposal was discussed and Michael Brace will get more information before the next meeting.

Moved by Michael Brace and seconded by Avery Mead, to issue a building permit to Walter Strouse and Floye Lever to build a 12 by 18 ft. addition to their home on Dyke St., with the stipulation that they conform to the Building Code and regulations as to septic systems. Carried.

Moved by Avery Mead and seconded by Michael Brace to accept the following Police Report for the month of November:

- Complaints — 4; Investigations — 5; Misc. Calls and Requests — 6; Accidents — 2; Doors and Windows Found Open — 0; Total Arrests — 7 (Traffic 7, criminal 0); Village Ordinances 0; Parkings Summonses issued — 21; Courtesy Tickets issued — 60; Assists to other Agencies — 1 (assisted State Police with car-deer accident 1/2 mile north of Village on Rt. 21); Property checks — 2; Court Appearances — 4; Patrolman Bissels' hours — 55; Patrolman Belmont's hours — 11; Patrolman Sonners' hours — 27; Mileage on Patrol Vehicle 9,300, month of November 1,500 miles.

Abstract No. 7 of 74/75 was audited and approved for payment in the following amounts: General — \$17,562.64; Water — \$323.23; and Electric — \$6,992.74.

The Board will meet December 16th to review the Budget for six months.

This concluded the business and the meeting was adjourned.
JOAN C. DEBBLE, Clerk

Lions Appeal For Toys

All people concerned for Andover's less fortunate children are reminded that they now have an opportunity to provide a Merry Christmas for some child.

How? — by donating some of those good old toys your grown-up children used to play with, but are now collecting dust.

To Whom And When? — to the Andover Lions Club.

Chairman Carmine Caglia will accept all toys at his Barber Shop anytime during his business hours. If more convenient, give your toys to any Andover Lion. The Andover Lions will distribute these toys along with purchased toys to all the less fortunate kids in Andover.

Mrs. Victor Heselton

Mrs. Treva E. Heselton of Main Street, Whitesville, died Friday, December 6, 1974 in the Jones Memorial Hospital after a lengthy illness.

She was born Dec. 29, 1901, and retired from the Whitesville Agency in 1967.

Mrs. Heselton has been a resident of Whitesville for 50 years and was the widow of Victor Heselton, who died in 1964.

Surviving are a daughter, Mrs. Lawrence (Marjorie) Pritchard of Whitesville; two sons, Donald Rollins of Cattaraugus and Edward Heselton of Homer; a step-daughter, Mrs. Leo (Mary Ann) Pritchard of Whitesville; a sister, Sina Monroe of Wellsville; and 14 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

She was a member of the Whitesville United Methodist Church.

Friends were received at the Wildman Funeral Home, Whitesville Saturday and Sunday, where funeral services were held Monday, with the Rev. Robert L. Wood pastor of the Christian & Missionary Alliance Church of Whitesville officiating. Burial was in Whitesville Rural Cemetery.

The Mayor's Column

by James Bliss

The snow seems to have hit early and hard this year. The Village Crew have had a good chance to try out the new sander. One man can do a better and safer job now than two or three men could with the old equipment.

While the Village keeps the streets clear, it's up to the property owners to clean the sidewalks. We have an ordinance that sidewalks must be cleaned and it's only purpose is to make it safe for everyone on foot. A fall on a slippery sidewalk is no laughing matter as the many persons ending up with broken bones or other injuries can tell you.

The heavy snow over the previous week-end prevented your electric meters from being read on Monday. Therefore with the meters being read on Tuesday December 3, your bill might be a little higher because of the extra days of use.

We had a pleasant experience at the Village Board Meeting, when Paul Whitehouse explained the adoption of a hydrant program the Cub Scouts would like to start. The Board gave Mr. Whitehouse the go ahead to try to initiate the program in which one Cub Scout would assume the responsibility of keeping one fire hydrant cleared of snow all winter.

Hospital Notes

Mrs. Annabelle Spencer, a surgical patient in the Jones Memorial Hospital, returned to her home Sunday.

Mrs. Mary Burns, a medical patient in the Jones Memorial Hospital returned to her home Wednesday.

Fred Sisson was admitted to the Jones Memorial Hospital Thursday as a surgical patient.

Kenneth Waters is a medical patient in the Jones Memorial Hospital.

Mrs. Eleanor Lunn, a medical patient in the Jones Memorial Hospital, has been discharged.

Max GIBBY of Belmont, is a medical patient in the Jones Memorial Hospital.

Donald Kent was admitted to the Bethesda Hospital Wednesday, Dec. 4 and underwent surgery Thursday.

Charles Cagle a medical patient in the Jones Memorial Hospital has been discharged.

Mrs. Charles Snell, a patient in the Jones Memorial Hospital, has been discharged.

Mrs. Susie Baker a medical patient in the Jones Memorial Hospital has been discharged.

News That's Print To Fit

Well Folks, we are glad to report that, after making that unforseen trip to the Robert Packer Hospital in Sayre, Pa., for consultation last Thursday, we did not have to undergo a liver biopsy as feared and outside of being on a strict low salt and low caloric diet, (even over the Holidays) — things may not be too bad — at least until after we have another check-up in January. And, for all of you that showed concern over our plight, we affirm our latest resolution to: "hang in there loose!"

Say, how did you like that brief cold snap last Wednesday night and Thursday morning? Our thermometer dropped to 8 below by 11 p. m. Thursday, our Station Wagon wouldn't start after sitting outside the News Office all night (gas line problems) and we had to end up by "flying" to Sayre in the "Bird" after getting a late start with all the frustrations — although we wound up by being only 10 minutes late for our appointment. Thanks goodness it warmed up! And, just think how lucky we are that we didn't get that heavy fall of snow over the week-end that was predicted and finally blessed the Buffalo and Albany area.

It sure seemed good Sunday evening to see our new Christmas Decorations on Main Street all lighted up and, after checking at Village Headquarters, was informed that each lighted ornament doesn't take any more electric current than a 75 watt bulb so can't see how that would adversely affect the energy crisis enough to bother with so. — Let's see them lit up! 10-4?

Lions To Sponsor X-mas Decorating Contest

In the Andover Lions Club's continuous effort to promote the "Yuletide Spirit" in Andover, the Club will again sponsor their Annual "Christmas Decorating Contest" within the Village limits.

Lion Chairman "Chuck" Wallace announced that cash prizes will be awarded to the three (3) Best Decorated Home.

- First Prize — \$25.00
- Second Prize — \$15.00
- Third Prize — \$10.00

Lion Wallace and his committee will be judging the homes during the week-end of Dec. 21 & 22.

The home decorations will be judged on originality, beauty and keeping with the original theme of Christmas. Also to be taken into consideration will be the conservation of energy as displayed in the Christmas lighting.

The Lions Club urges all homeowners to make a special effort this year to decorate their homes and display the "Andover Pride".

Grange News

The Pomona Grange met at the Andover Grange Hall Friday night December 6, with sixty members attending from the County. Business meeting was called to order by Worthy Pomona Master George Fuller. Reports were given by delegates who attended State Grange. The Lecturer's program was presented by Pomona Lecture Margo Jennings.

Refreshments were served after the meeting.

Andover Grange will hold their Christmas Party and Meeting, Sunday, December 15, with a Ham Dinner at one o'clock. Meat, Potatoes and dessert have been planned. Those not solicited are asked to bring a salad or vegetable.

Exchange of gifts and program will follow the meeting. All members are invited.

Anyone wishing to rent the Grange Hall — please contact Charles Lynch 478-5683.

Alton Scribner

Alton Scribner of Whitesville, died Friday, December 6, 1974 in Bethesda Community Hospital.

He was born in the Town of West Union, October 6, 1906, a son of Bow and Julia A. Ingley Scribner. On June 26, 1934, at Wellsville, he married the former Martha Hazard, who survives.

Mr. Scribner retired from the Borden Milk Co., of Whitesville, as a milk inspector. He was a member of the Universalist Church and Fire Department of Whitesville.

Surviving, in addition to his widow are several nieces and nephews.

Friends were received at the Wildman Funeral Home, Inc., at Whitesville, Sunday and Monday, where funeral and committal services were held Tuesday, with the Rev. John W. Olosky, pastor of the United Methodist Church of Whitesville, officiating. Burial was in Woodlawn Cemetery, Wellsville.

Iroquois Tele. Co. Rate Increase

Iroquois Telephone Corporation this month will begin implementing an interim rate increase recently approved by the New York State Public Service Commission.

The order, issued November 20 authorized increases that average a boost of 20% for basic monthly recurring charges, although some increases will be higher depending on the individual customer's grade and type of service. About a 20% increase in charges for supplemental services and equipment also was approved.

The combined affect of the increase amounts to approximately \$420,000, roughly the same as the company asked for in its interim rate application last June. Any difference between the interim rate and those finally adopted by the Commission is subject to refund; however, no final decision is due before next May.

The company originally asked for the rate relief to help offset the rising costs of its operations. Donald McGraw, president, has stated that "inflation hit us just as hard as anyone else and what we pay for wages, equipment and material has risen just as dramatically as the cost of food, clothing and shelter."

He cited telephone poles as a specific example of how the company's costs have gone up. Just between January 1 and June 1 of this year, he said poles increased in price by about 25%.

"These and other items necessary to serve our customers helped push our total operating expenses up about 130% between 1965, the date of our last general adjustment, and mid-July 1974. During the same time, the expense of maintaining the equipment providing you with service shot up more than 350%. And when people talk about tax increases, our's increased more than 230% over this time span."

McGraw emphasized that the rate adjustments are vital if the company is to provide the type of service demanded and deserved by Iroquois Telephone customers.

"We don't expect the rate increase to be popular, but we do hope the customer will understand the why and wherefore of the need," he said.

New Arrivals

Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Manion (Bonita Philips) of Andover, are parents of a son, born Thursday, December 5, 1974 at the Jones Memorial Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Brown (Sheila Cook) of 104 Old Pozuonack Bloomfield Conn., are parents of a daughter, Renee Eileen, born Tuesday, December 10, 1974 at Springfield, Mass. Mr. and Mrs. George Brown are the paternal grandparents; Mr. and Mrs. Gussie O'Dell are the paternal great grandparents; and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Cook of Hornell are the maternal grandparents.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred P. Sandy,

School Board Meeting

The regular meeting of the Board of Education was called to order Monday evening, December 9, by the President, Mr. Francis Horan. Mr. Jordan and the following Board Members were present: Mary K. Slade, Carl Atwell and Conner Stephens.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read for approval. Motion was made by Carl Atwell, seconded by Mary K. Slade and passed by 4 votes of yes.

Motion to approve payrolls amounting to \$44,780.53 was made by Mary K. Slade, seconded by Conner Stephens. Passed by 4 votes of yes.

Resolution passed by 4 votes of yes that the bills in the amount of \$15,054.56 plus utilities — General Fund, for November 1974 as certified by Mr. Jordan be paid. Motion was made by Carl Atwell and seconded by Mary K. Slade. Passed by 4 votes of yes.

Motion was made by Francis Horan that the cafeteria bills — \$2,068.01 be paid. Motion seconded by Conner Stephens — carried by 4 votes of yes.

Motion made by Carl Atwell and seconded by Mary K. Slade, that the Treasurer's and Clerk's Reports be approved. Passed by 4 votes.

The monthly Cafeteria Report was read showing a net loss of \$308.61 for November. Motion to file this report with the minutes was made by Francis Horan and seconded by Conner Stephens. Passed by 4 votes of yes.

The motion was made by Conner Stephens to pay the interest only due on the New School Bond due on December 15, 1974. The amount of this payment is \$2,160.00. Motion was seconded by Mary K. Slade.

Mr. Atwell moved, Mr. Horan seconded that the Board continue the Free Lunch Program. Approved by 4 yes votes.

Mary K. Slade moved, Mr. Atwell seconded, that the Board invest the sum of \$50,000.00 for 30 days at the Citizens National Bank at the rate of 5% interest.

Mr. Curville Jordan, District Principal and the Andover School Board have agreed upon a 3 year contract from July 1, 1975 to June 30, 1978. Mary K. Slade made the motion, seconded by Carl Atwell. Passed by 4 yes votes.

Conner Stephens moved, Mary K. Slade seconded, that the Board approve the Senior Class making their annual class trip to Washington, D. C., at Easter time. Passed by 4 yes votes.

Carl Atwell moved, Mary K. Slade seconded, that the Board explore the possibility of becoming the Local Educational Agency (LEA) for the Teacher Corp., of Allegany County. Passed by 4 yes votes.

Mary K. Slade made the motion, Conner Stephens seconded, that it is illegal to operate a snowmobile on the Andover School property except as part of a sanctioned snowmobile operation course. Passed by 4 yes votes.

Mary K. Slade moved, Carl Atwell seconded, that a sum of \$900.00 will be spent for a Bicentennial Educational Program — by Andover Central School. This will be pending a matching fund approval from the State Educational Department. Passed by 4 yes votes.

Carl Atwell moved, Mary K. Slade seconded, that the Board pass a resolution to allow students in the Junior High release time during Regents week. This will enable the proper administration of the Regents by releasing Junior High faculty and facilities.

Meeting adjourned at 10:45.

Jr. (Ruth Allen) of 202 Fisher Road Rochester, are the parents of a son, Joshua, born Saturday, December 7, 1974 at the Strong Memorial Hospital in Rochester. Mr. and Mrs. Wiley Allen are the maternal grandparents and Mr. and Mrs. Alfred P. Sandy, Sr., are the paternal grandparents.