

**WHAT IS THE VALUE OF A CHILD'S LIFE?**

**An Editorial**

How many of you readers saw the headlines in the Wellsville Daily Reporter last Friday evening that screamed: "TWO CHILDREN LOSE LIFE IN WHITESVILLE"? And, how many of you asked yourselves: "Could it happen here in Andover?" And, perhaps to our children? Many other questions could also immediately spring to the mind of concerned parents and citizens such as: "How? Why? Which leads us down the line as to where the blame lies — and even perhaps an underlying reason or reasons with the circle of questions going back around the ring to the biggest question of all: What is a Child's Life worth to Parents, Residents, and Citizens of a Community?"

Is it worth paying the financial burden of Police Protection? Worth the trouble of proper Law Enforcement? Worth the caution and attention of local drivers and motorists? Worth the care, love, responsibility and supervision of parents?

According to the news item: "Three young children playing along the banks of Cryder Creek in Whitesville at dusk late Thursday afternoon were struck by a pick-up truck, which had swerved to avoid a bicyclist, killing two of the youngsters and leaving the third in fair condition at Jones Memorial Hospital." And Wellsville based State Police who investigated the accident were quoted with other details of the accident.

The Village of Whitesville does not have a regular Police Force so that after an accident happens — or tragedy strikes — it is necessary to call in the State Police to investigate. And, without a regular Police Force, there can be no accident prevention in Whitesville which can guide youngsters to follow safety measures in riding bicycles or to keep a reign on bad driving practices of local motorists.

Thus, it is the Residents and Taxpayers of Whitesville who are setting their own value on law enforcement, accident prevention, and indirectly, the value of a child's life — or any other citizen as far as that is concerned. Irresponsible drivers don't have to worry about "getting a ticket" for their carelessness — and the young area "hot-rodders" can congregate in the Village to terrorize the natives — unless the State Police are called in and, by the time they arrive, the "rail-birds" have "flown the coop".

Here in Andover we do have a Police Force and Taxpayers are willing to pay for adequate Police Protection, Law Enforcement, and accident prevention but, the big question is: "are we getting our money's worth"? And, of course, the next big ensuing question is: "are parents of young motorists and adult drivers cooperating to keep our streets safe for the youngsters and adult citizens as well?"

Local Taxpayers have even gone along with the added financial burden of a "crossing guard" at the corner of Main St. (Route 21) and Elm St. on the request of some of the PTSA Members and Parents.

However, what good is a crossing guard when students won't co-operate by crossing Route 21 at this intersection but instead take a short-cut across the Railroad Tracks and cut across the Highway in the vicinity of the Tennis Courts? Are the parents who asked for this service aware of what is going on — or don't they care? And, as far as that goes, what good does a crossing guard do if she is sitting in her car toasting her shins in front of the heater when a young lad went darting across Route 21 without any precautionary procedures? (according to a report phoned in to us between 3 and 4 p. m. Wednesday afternoon.)

It would appear to us from where we sit that it is the Taxpayers responsibility to see that we get our True Value in the line of Police Protection in our own Community — instead of paying out good money for time and mileage on our new Police Car making "food runs" to Wellsville and for "backing up" their PD — when they have the State Police right there.



**50 YEARS AGO**

December 19, 1924

Max Eldridge, 15 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Eldridge of Arkport, died in the hospital in Hornell, Saturday A. M. December 13 from injuries received when a car in which he was riding was struck shortly after 10 p. m. Friday night by a Pittsburgh-Shawmut and Northern Freight train westbound on the Arkport Grade Crossing. A blinding snow storm raging at the time and the slippery conditions of the pavement is believed to have caused the accident. Kenneth Hartman of Canaseraga, driver of the car, escaped with a few cuts and abrasions. Besides his parents he is survived by two brothers, one at home and Claude of Andover. Burial was made at Hillside Cemetery, Andover.

Isaac Smith, 90 year old Civil War veteran and one of Andover's oldest residents, died December 10 at his farm home west of Andover after an illness of two weeks. Born in Jerusalem, Chemung County, June 9, 1834 at the age of 4 he moved with his parents Willett and Betsy Smith to Greenwood. When Civil War broke out he enlisted in CoH 179th Regiment and served his country until Lee surrendered in 1865. He was married to Marietta Hartum who died in 1909. He is survived by three daughters, Mrs. W. H. Cocirane, Mrs. W. L. Gould and Zedie Smith one sister, Mrs. Jerry Ingley of Honeoye, Pa. Burial was in Hillside Cemetery, Andover.

Rev. Royal E. MacGowan, former pastor of Andover Presbyterian Church, began his pastorate at Coudersport, last Sunday.

A barrel of canned fruit was shipped this week from the Edward Seamon Relief Corps, to the Oxford Home at Oxford, N. Y.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Padden of Hornell have a little son, Malcolm Eugene, born December 12 at the St. James Mercy Hospital. Mr. and Mrs. Edward Padden, Sr. of Andover, are the paternal grand parents.

Fay Boyd of Baker Bros. & Boyd Hardware has his little finger on his right hand all dressed up for the holidays on account of a fractured bone.

A genuine blizzard swept this part of Allegany County Saturday afternoon, December 13. The weather continued stormy all day Sunday. In some places the snow drifted to some depth.

J. A. O'Leary received word Tuesday evening of the death of a cousin, Mrs. Margaret Cookley of Waverly, N. Y. Mr. O'Leary attended the funeral there yesterday.

Mrs. Guy S. Wood has opened a Christmas Flower Shop in the Trainer building on Main Street and is showing a line of potted plants, ferns, artificial baskets bouquets and wreaths. Fancy baskets in several sizes and color for cut flowers and plants. Cut flowers by special order.

On Saturday evening, December 13 at the Seven Day Baptist parsonage in Andover, Miss Doris L. Clarke, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Clarke and Charles Clarke, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Clarke, were united in marriage by Rev. W. L. Greene.

Andover Firemen made a quick run Monday evening at 8:30 p. m. to the farm of Mrs. Agnes Lang worthy in Railroad Valley. The chimney burning out was noticed by the trainmen on No. 1001 as they passed the place and they gave the alarm to the station fearing the fire would get beyond the control of the tenants.

Announcements have been received by Andover relatives of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Hardy, of the arrival Tuesday, December 16 at their home at 18 Harrington Place in Hornell, of a baby girl, Marilyn Jane.

The Elm Valley School will have their Christmas Tree and Program in the Chapel, Tuesday evening, December 23 at 8 o'clock. DeWitt Wheaton, age 68, died

**News From Albany**

by Assemblyman James L. Emery

Geneseo — The office of Assemblyman James L. Emery (R-Geneseo) announced his schedule for the week beginning December 20, 1974 as follows.

Monday, December 23rd — Assemblyman Emery will be in Albany on Legislative business. That day he will be attending a ceremony in the Red House at the Capitol where Governor Wilson will be presenting the Local Government Achievement Award for 1974 to Livingston County.

December 9 of effects of shoveling snow at his home on the Hurst Farm, West Greenwood. He leaves to mourn his loss, two sons, Warren and Edwin; two sisters, Nora Wright of Michigan and Mrs. C. D. Cary of Hornell; two brothers Elmer of Canisteo and Myron of Pennsylvania. Burial was in the Mead Cemetery.

Miss Mary Boyd was a business visitor in Wellsville, Wednesday.

Robert Brundage, Fay Boyd and Dr. Storer were business callers in Wellsville, Friday evening.

A Christmas program was enjoyed by a company of over 60 at the close of Andover Rebekah Lodge meeting, Wednesday evening.

**40 YEARS AGO**

November 30, 1934

J. H. Backus, publisher

Local Auto Club Will Carry On. At a meeting of the membership of the Andover Automobile Club held in the Firehall, Friday evening it was decided to retain the Andover Club instead of merging with the newly organized Wellsville Club. The officers of the Andover Club feel that they can give the members the same advantages that the Wellsville Club is offering for a lot less money. The dues will be \$5-a-year while Wellsville is \$7.50.

Union Thanksgiving Service was held at the Baptist Church with the scripture reading by Rev. W. C. Pero; prayer, Rev. W. L. Greene special music by University Choir; violin solo by Mrs. Baker; cello solo by Miss Williams and sermon by pastor Rev. John McIntosh.

Mrs. James Brunn died at the Plainfield, N. J., hospital, November 13, after a week's illness of pneumonia. Cora Burdick, daughter of Charles and Nancy Jane Warren Burdick was born in Andover, September 4, 1870 and 26 years ago, married James Brunn and spent the rest of her life in Plainfield, N. J. She is survived by her husband; two daughters, Mrs. Eleanor Doyle and Miss Cora at home; four brothers; two sisters, Mrs. Jennie Carr of Andover, Mrs. Ivan Parker, Emporium, Menzo of Elm Valley, Charles of Ebenezer, Herbert of Rochester and Norman of Portland, Oregon. Burial was in Plainfield, N. J.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Waters welcome a son at their home or Rochambeau Ave., Tuesday, November 27.

The Services at the Seventh Day Baptist Church, Sunday evening 10 where the Subordinate and Juvenile Grange took part to comply with a request of the National Grange that the local Granges throughout the United States observe it by attending Church that Sunday.

Howard Brewster was elected Master of the West Greenwood Grange, Wednesday evening.

Mrs. John Oakes has returned from a trip to Florida and other southern places.

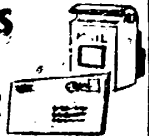
Mr. and Mrs. R. O. Snyder and family and Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Brown visited at the home of Charles June in Jasper, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Caple motored to Buffalo guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Munro over the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Burgett and Mrs. C. M. Nottingham and Mrs. Charles Hammond attended the County Legion Meeting at Angelica, Thursday evening.

Oliver Kemp and Matton Swartz were in Woodhull, Monday night where they played in the Harry Williams Orchestra for a high

**LETTERS TO THE EDITOR**



To The Editor:

In the past, the Russians have claimed credit for many inventions indiscriminately. Now, however, they have devised something really new: The Unilateral Detente.

We Americans have the concept that the Detente refers to a mutual relaxation of tension. After a short-lived experience with Soviet detente, we have already hastily encouraged our industrial, banking, and agricultural enterprises to supply the Soviets with our hard-earned economic, financial and technological savvy and know-how. Would you not say that this, most likely, will be used against us sometime in the future?

Would one call the obstructive Berlin Wall an act of detente?

Is Castro-Cuba, militarily backed by the Russian Government, their idea of detente, on our very door-step?

It has been reliably reported just recently, that Communist Russia bombers crashed through NORAD's (North American Air Defense) identification zone off the coast of the United States and had to be repulsed by our interceptors.

According to JANE'S FIGHTING SHIPS, a rather authoritative publication, the USSR (United Soviet Socialist Republic) is floating in the neighborhood of 100 men o'war in the Mediterranean, against approximately 60 for the United States. The United States has a total of 514 ships vis-a-vis 1062 for the Soviet Navy. Additionally, the Soviets have a lead of three to one in submarines, and five to one in cruisers. Is this equality and parity? We think not. To quote one of our United States Senators, "we are a bulldog with rubber teeth".

Our detenteless friendly enemy is right now testing intercontinental multiple warhead missiles capable of reaching 4,500 miles. How much closer can the danger get?

It should be borne in mind that ACTIONS speak louder than Detente.

Alexander Light  
Executive Director  
Citizens Protection League

school senior play.

December 7, 1934

Carolyn Hinocher died November 30, 1934. She was the daughter of Frank and Augusta B. Hinocher. She was a school teacher and taught in Andover until 1921 then in the Elmira School Systems until her retirement May 18, 1934.

In this weeks issue of the Andover News there is a picture of the Andover Juvenile Grange Carrol Burdick, Master; Gertrude Schoonover, Overseer; Marjorie Nevol, Lecturer; Charlotte Cook, Secretary; Cora Mead, Pomana Francis Mead, Treasurer; Edith M. Thorne, Matron; Louise Dodge Stewart; Kathleen Howland, Lady Assistant Steward; Dorothy Lever Gate Keeper; Jean Northrup, Assistant Steward; Lorraine Burdick Chaplain; Eleanor Northrup, Ceres and Jean Rogers, Flora. They were winners of the State Juvenile Grange Contest, selected second best in the United States.

Miss Elsie Jane Wagner and Henry Laurence Huffman were united in marriage November 28

Miss Mary Fitch daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Fitch of Wellsville and Edwin Geer, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Geer of Andover, were united in marriage November 28.

Mr. and Mrs. William Bell of Independence are parents of a daughter, Joyce, born November 27. The grandmother, Mrs. Lottie Drew is caring for them.

Mrs. Lena Rice is working in the Shoe Factory in Dansville.

The Ladies Aid Society of the M. E. Church, met Wednesday afternoon at the church parlors. A social time and business meeting completed the program which was followed by lunch. The committee in charge was Hazel Burgett Mrs. Ruth Nottingham, Mrs. Minnie Baldwin and Mrs. Lulu Emery

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