

News That's Print To Fit

Hi there all you Frigid Folks — and "Sno-Bunnies" too! How did you like that touch of "Old-Fashioned" winter weather last week? Last Sunday night (Jan. 18) the thermometer on our back porch read 25 degrees below at midnight — and was still right there at 6 A. M., Monday morning. In fact, the mercury never got above zero all day, Monday. Then the accumulation of around 6 inches of snow thru Thursday added to our problems and were climaxed Thursday night when the mercury again dipped to 24 below which resulted in a power shortage and outage which lasted from about 5 p. m., until 11 p. m., involving roughly about one third of the village, including business places along Main Street. Friday we had a gradual rise in temperature way up to 20 above, and by Saturday the power shortage crisis was resolved. This past Sunday it warmed up to around 30 — and then Monday, our January thaw began with the temperature hovering close to 60 with occasional rain showers. However, by midnight Monday evening, the temperature was back down to 32 degrees and it snowed off and on all day Tuesday, so that by this morning we have a accumulation of 6-8 inches of snow with the mercury reading a cool 14 above.

Monday morning, before it started to rain, there was a small plane that circled and circled over the business section of Andover — and even swooped down over the "Island" in Main Street — but no one seemed to know what it was all about.

Then, Tuesday morning we had a phone call that the flag in the Island was flying up-side down. However, by the time that we got out on Main Street, the situation was well under control and everything was normal.

Now, what we are wondering, was there any connection to the behavior of the pilot and plane to the flag episode — or just coincidence? Was the flag a signal to the pilot, and/or was there a mix-up in the days or did some one figure that the pilot deserved "equal time" in observing the flag in the proper position from his vantage point in the sky?

One of our Readers sent us in an old yellowed clipping that we thought was worthy of re-production and here it is:

- I am the Country Weekly.
- I am the friend of the family, the bringer of tidings from other friends; I speak to the home in the evening light of summer's vine clad porch or the glow of writer's lamp.
- I help to make this evening hour; I record the great and the small, the varied acts of the days and weeks that go to make up life.
- I am for and of the home; I follow those who leave humble beginnings; whether they go to greatness or to the gutter, I take to them the thrill of old days, with whole some messages.
- I speak the language of the common man; my words are fitted to his understanding. My congregation is larger than that of any church in my town; my readers are more than those in the school. Young and old alike find in me stimulation, inspiration, solace, comfort. I am the chronicler of birth, and love and death — the three great facts of man's existence.
- I bring together buyer and seller, to the benefit of both; I am part of the market place of the world. Into the home I carry word of the goods which feed and clothe, and shelter and wash minister to comfort, ease, health, and happiness.
- I am the word of the week, the history of the year, the record of my community in the ar-

Mrs. Mark L. Hall

Mrs. Laura F. Hall of Independence Rd., died Thursday, January 22, 1976 at her home after a long illness.

She was born in Whitesville, April 24, 1897, a daughter of Frank and Ida Leche Forsythe. In November of 1916, she married Mark L. Hall, who died in 1966.

Mrs. Hall had resided in Hallsport for 57 years. She was a retired teacher, having taught in Andover for the last 17 years.

Mrs. Hall was a member of the Christian Temple Church of Wellsville.

She was also a former member of the Hallsport Grange; the Wellsville Rebekah Lodge; and the Catherine Schuyler Chapter of the D.A.R.

Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. Frank (Lucille) Ball of Corfu and Mrs. Primo (Elma) Pace of Hallsport; a son, Kenneth S. Hall of Hallsport; 12 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren; two sisters, Mrs. Margaret Coats of Wellsville and Mrs. Earl (Carolyn) Leimer of Canisteo; and several nieces and nephews.

Friends were received at the Mulholland-Crowell Funeral Home in Wellsville, where funeral services were held there Sunday, January 25, at 2 p. m., with the Rev. Peter Moon, pastor of the Christian Temple Church officiating.

Burial was in Hallsport Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the Wellsville Volunteer Ambulance Corp.

Presbyterians Name Officers For Coming Year

The Annual Meeting and Dinner of the Andover Presbyterian Church was held Sunday, January 25, in the Church parlors. Approximately 50 were in attendance, planning activities and establishing goals for the coming year.

The meeting was conducted by Paul Whitehouse, chairman of the Trustees, and was moderated by Rev. Arvid Whitmore of the Arthrop Presbyterian Church. Mrs. Barbara Walker assumed the position of secretary in the absence of Mrs. Clara York's who was ill.

Perhaps foremost among the important business attended to was the unanimous acceptance of the Rev. John Baxter as supply pastor for an indefinite period. Rev. Baxter has been serving as pastor during the month of January.

Another decision reached was to participate in the planned autumn Bi-Centennial program. The Andover Presbyterian Church at one time, within the memory of many present members and townspeople, was sponsor of the annual event known as Harvest Home. This consisted of an outdoor picnic replete with band concert and baseball game. Mr. Whitehouse reported that the Church has been requested to revitalize the event as part of the Andover's activities (Andover has been named as Allegany County's Official Bi-Centennial representative.)

Officers named to manage Church operations for 1976 are as follows:

- Session — three year terms:
 - Clara Norris
 - Hilda Vars
 - Mary Ann Whitehouse
- Trustees — three year terms:
 - Marob Conde
 - Kenneth McClure
 - Edna Mourne
- Treasurer & Financial Secretary: John Bridge
- Sunday School Supt.: Barbara Walker
- Evangelism Chairman: Kenneth McClure
- Head Usher: Fay Boyd
- Auditing Committee: Alvin Hoover and Paul Whitehouse
- Nominating Committee for 1977:
 - Officers: Susan Godwin, Betty Bridge, Oliver Kemp and Glenn Bronson

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- I am the exponent of the lives of my readers.
- I am the Country Weekly!

Annual Library Report

JANUARY 1976
Inventory: Corrected list.

Holdings:	
Adult Fiction	4267
Adult non-fiction	4043
Juvenile Fiction	1166
Juvenile non-fiction	1292
Total books	10,771
Book stock additions during year	
Purchased	244
Purchased for Memorial collections	36
Personal gifts	45
S.T.L.S. — Grants	23
S.T.L.S. — B.I.L.C.	12
Total books	360
Recordings added	
Purchased	2
Memorial coll.	4
Total	3
No books were withdrawn from Library during 1975	
Total number borrowers cards	890
Circulation:	
Adult Fiction	5080
Adult non-fiction	1257
Juvenile Fiction	2292
Juvenile non-fiction	767
Total	10,216
Periodicals	323
Magazines	18
Recordings	159
S.T.L.S.	10

LIBRARY HOURS:
Monday — 6:00 P. M. - 9:00 P. M.
Wednesday — 6:00 P. M. - 8:00 P. M.
Friday — 9:00 A. M. - 11:00 A. M.
1:00 P. M. - 3:00 P. M.
Saturday — 12:30 P. M. - 3:30 P. M.

The Andover Free Library is a member of the Southern Tier Library System. Through this Association we are able to request wanted titles that are not owned by our library. During 1975, S.T.L.S. Interloan provided specific book requests and bulk loans totaling 270 books. Recordings and art prints are also available for loaning.

The Andover Library was fortunate this year in obtaining several metal book shelves and two metal desks from Southern Tier in Corning when S.T.L.S. moved to their new building. Mrs. Carol Rowley journeyed to Corning and brought the equipment back with her. The extra she was made it possible to have all the youth books in a section upstairs.

Every Friday afternoon during July and August about 25 youngsters enjoyed a story and film program in the children's library. This was made possible by a gift of a movie projector and screen from Southern Tier. Hopefully this will be possible again next summer.

The Andover Lions Club made several donations to the library this year. Due to their generosity we have five new large print books and also the large print readers digest subscription.

Unfortunately, the library has a large number of overdue books. Please check and if you have any books overdue return them as soon as possible.

I would like to extend sincere thanks to everyone that has helped this year. It has been a year of change — change of librarian, carry on the work of the library change of staff and change of hours. I would like both Mrs. Carol Rowley and Mrs. Harriet Hoover to know that I have appreciated everything they have done to help me over the rough spots and point me in the right direction. I hope next year will be a smooth one.

Respectfully submitted
VERONICA BROWN, Librarian

Golden Age Club News

On Monday, February 2, the Andover Golden Agers will meet at the Grange Hall for a tureen dinner.

Emma Baker and the Taylor Girls are on the committee. Committee will furnish dessert.

Use the Classified Ad Section.

Circuit Overload Causes Blackout In Andover Homes

An overloaded circuit created a power outage in about one third of the homes in Andover last Thursday, January 22, 1976 about 5:15 p. m.

The overloaded circuit kicked off a circuit breaker which was due to an unbalanced condition on the lines caused by the increased electric demand as a result of the sub-zero weather and high winds which created a chill factor of 50 degrees below zero. This unforeseen demand for power came at a time when many homes had electric heaters turned on to keep water pipes from freezing and as housewives were turning on electric appliances to prepare the evening meal.

The section of the Village affected by the power outage was in the vicinity of Greenwood, Center, Dyke, Chestnut, First, Second and Third Streets as well as the Main Street business section. Power was gradually restored Street by Street starting about 9:30 until it was finally completed shortly after 11:00 p. m.

Trustee Harold Rice and Mayor Brace were immediately notified as soon as the power failure occurred with Trustees Avery Mead and Paul Hyland well aware of the situation since their homes were in the affected area.

Lave Rossman, acting Superintendent for the Village Water and Electric Department, was immediately notified and met with Village Officials at the Electric Sub-station to determine the cause of the power failure.

As soon as it was determined that the outage was caused from a circuit overload, several crews were organized from Village Officials, Village Employees and Volunteers to "walk the lines" to find a possible cause such as wire down or crossed, broken tree branches over lines, or even transformers shorting out.

In the meantime, Mayor Brace had put in an emergency call to the Wellsville Electric Department for assistance in the form of a line truck and trouble-shooting crew and within 40 minutes former Village Superintendent "Bob" Costello was on the scene with his crew.

When the "line-walking" crews finished their task and found no broken wires or problem areas, the Wellsville and Andover crews started unloading circuits to localize the overload situation by disconnecting power lines on various streets. As soon as this was accomplished the power was gradually turned on section by section shortly after nine p. m., and as the power load gradually approached normal, load on one phase of the circuit adjustments were made to balance out the other phases.

While the electric problems were being corrected, Firemen and Rescue Squad Members were standing by at the Fire Hall ready to respond to any emergency that might arise.

Supervising Principal Curville Jordan was notified of the emergency and as the school was not affected by the power outage, he placed it at the disposal of Village Officials as an evacuation center should that need arise.

Residents in the affected area were notified that the school was available in the event that the power could not be restored before their homes became untenable from the cold but fortunately with the fine co-operation received this approach was not needed.

Some residents reported that they visited friends whose heating systems were not affected while others bundled up with extra clothing or went to bed with extra blankets piled on. Reports ranged from 10 to 20 degree drops in the temperatures of most homes in the area with just a few in excess of that range.

In discussing the overall situation after the problem had been resolved, Village Officials expressed deep appreciation for all the aid and assistance offered and

The Mayor's Column

by "Mike" Brace

I would like to express my appreciation to everyone for their understanding and cooperation during the electrical problems that we experienced last week. The difficulty has been remedied.

The Bi-Centennial Committee that was formed at the Parade Committee Meeting is a long awaited step in terms of providing organization collaboration with groups involved in Bi-Centennial activities. It is the intent of this group to act as a clearinghouse for dates and provide suggestions to interested groups concerning Bi-Centennial activities if the respective groups are interested. This will avoid possible conflicts in scheduling and provide organization to the many activities that are already in the planning stages. Please inform Chairperson "Red" Allen of your organizations plans in order for him to place the event on the calendar.



Miss Ruth Taylor was admitted to the Jones Memorial Hospital, Monday as a medical patient.

Carlie Carmody, a patient in the Jones Memorial Hospital, has been discharged.

Jaqueline Moser, a patient in the Jones Memorial Hospital, has been discharged.

Ernest Cartwright, a patient in Bettses Hospital, has been discharged.

Mrs. Wm. Wahl, Sr., a patient in Jones Memorial Hospital, has been discharged.

Wilbur Lehman was admitted to the Millard Fillmore Hospital in Buffalo, Tuesday and expected to undergo surgery next week. His address is:

Millard Fillmore Hospital
Delaware Ave.
Buffalo, N. Y. 14200

Bible Class To Be Held

The Rev. Francis J. Smozynski will hold a Bible Class starting Wednesday, February 4 at 7:30 p. m. in the Rectory.

The Rev. Smozynski was privileged to be in the Holy Land for study and work and will begin this study class with a slide presentation of a general outlay of the Holy Land and its neighbors which will give us a deeper insight into the past and present. Other topics will include how to read and study the Bible and this class is open to the public of all ages.

News Briefs Of Local Servicemen

Lt Tom Polmateer is visiting his mother, Mrs. Mary Polmateer and other relatives and friends in Andover on delay enroute to Fort Carson.

Named To Dean's List

Jesse Grossman and Chad Grossman, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Grossman of Andover, have been named to the Dean's List at the Agricultural Science Department of Alfred Ag-Tech for the Fall Semester.

utilized from local residents who cooperated so willingly as well as the prompt assistance from the Wellsville Electric Department and Officials.

In addition, Mayor Brace pointed out the need for the prompt completion of the new Village Electric Sub-Station in order to cope with the immediate demands and needs of Village Residents for additional electric power as more and more electric appliances are added to local homes.