

WAS THIS CARNAGE NECESSARY An Editorial

Early Wednesday morning, the lives of 4 area Teen Ageds were snuffed out in practically a Suicidal, High-Speed Accident on our own Andover Main Street, which apparently started as a drag-race outside the Village, and certainly terminally ended when the vehicle operated by a young teen-ager lost control of the car and plowed thru a brick business building.

The time of the fatality was around 1 a. m., with two of the youths only 16, including the driver, one youth was 18, and the alleged owner of the car was 19. And, of course, the first question that leaps to one's mind is the one posed by a Buffalo TV Station at 11:00 p. m. every evening: "Parents — Do You know where your Children Are?"

One of the appalling aspects of the tragedy is the conjecture of the terrific possibilities of what could have happened to innocent bystanders. Several local Citizens had attended a private meeting at the former Insurance Office earlier that evening and had just disbanded a few minutes prior to the accident. What would have happened to these 5 or 6 Citizens if they had been coming out the front door of the building — or been standing out in front, visiting, at the time of the crash? More than likely they would all have been killed — or else badly mangled!

Who is responsible for this waste of 4 young lives? Are you surprised when we say: "all of us"? Well, isn't Law Enforcement the responsibility of every Citizen? And, when Citizens sit idly by and allow "Drag-Racing" on our Streets to go on unchecked night after night without energetically pursuing a course of action to put an end to it, well — aren't we partially responsible?

True, the parents are directly responsible, because in most cases they are the ones that buy the cars, pay for the licenses and insurance as well as the operating costs — and even give them the spending money that they buy their beer or booze with. Then too, in many instances, its the parents that bail them out when they get into trouble, pay their fines, and accuse the Law Enforcement Agencies of discrimination against their child — or even go so far as to abuse elected Officials for trying to enforce the law! Yet, when tragedy strikes — they are ready to blame every one else — instead of shouldering the blame themselves.

Headlines like: "Four Teen-agers Killed in Andover Single-Car Crash", or: "Four Killed as car rams Building", certainly puts Andover on the map but when people read: "Troopers said the car was drag racing another vehicle about 1 a. m., when it went out of control at high speed on Andover's Main St., about 150 feet south of Elm St." — well, what does that leave to the imagination as far as "Local Law Enforcement" is concerned.

It took the hard work of many, many local Citizens, years of successful Fourth of July Celebrations, and a "Maple Festival" to put "Andover on the Map" as far as TV coverage was concerned — but it only took one gruesome tragedy to bring a Buffalo TV camera-man down to take pictures of the scene and show on the evening news cast!

Is this the kind of carnage we want for Andover — Our Community — The Village we live in? Don't lay all the blame on a 1 man Police Force — He takes orders from the Village Board, and, they in turn listen to the Citizens.

Furthermore, once things get out of hand — don't expect any one Police Officer to put an end to it. It is going to take the concerted effort of many concerned citizens.

We think that things are out of hand when Teen-Agers dare to come racing in to the Business Section of Main Street at speeds estimated in excess of 100 miles per hour.

Are YOU a Concerned Citizen? Are YOU ready to do something about it?

1976 Small Game Season Announced

Although it is mid-summer now, the Department of Environmental Conservation is already busy preparing for this fall's small game season. The 1976 Legislature passed a number of bills giving game status to several animals that were previously unprotected. One result of these changes is to permit the Department to set seasons and bag limits on these animals, whose taking previously was unregulated.

The Legislature remained in session later this year than usual, producing one problem for the Department. Printing of the four guides issued with licenses could not begin until the Legislature adjourned. This means that although licenses will go on sale across the State on September 1, supplies of three of the four guides will not reach license-issuing agents until mid-September. In many cases some hunters will have to make two trips to their license-issuing agents, one to buy their licenses and another to pick up their guides.

Priority in printing is being given to the big game guide; this is expected to be in the hands of license-issuing agents by September 1 so that those hunters wishing to apply for party permits will not be delayed. The other three guides — small game, trapping and fishing — should be available by September 15 at all agents. The guides follow the same format as last year with three-color maps and folded to pocket size for convenient carrying afield.

The species newly designated as protected are: grey and red fox, coyote, crow, bobcat and lynx. All but the latter animal will have seasons this fall. The lynx is fully protected at this time and may not be taken by hunters.

Most small game seasons are similar this season to last. There have been some changes, however in season and boundaries for varying hare and turkey. Hunting hours remain generally from sunrise to sunset. These shooting hours also apply to woodcock, even though it is a migratory bird. For other migratory birds, such as ducks and geese, shooting hours are one-half hour before sunrise to sunset.

Although the \$5 Federal duck stamp is not required when hunting woodcock, gallinules, rail or snipe the shotgun must be plugged to hold not more than three shells. This is the same restriction that applies when hunting ducks and geese. Dates for the waterfowl season will be announced by the Federal Government in late August.

There is no change in the license year — which runs from October 1 through September 30 — nor in license fees which are the same as last year. General information on season dates and bag limits follows:

- UPSTATE Squirrel**
October 1 - February 28, in all counties except those opening October 18, 5 per day.
October 18 - February 28, in Dutchess, Orange, Putnam, Rockland, Sullivan, Ulster and Westchester Counties, 5 per day.
- Ruffed Grouse**
October 1 - January 31, in all counties except those opening October 18, 4 per day.
October 18 - January 31, in Dutchess, Orange, Putnam, Rockland, Sullivan, Ulster, and Westchester Counties, 4 per day.
- Quail and Hungarian Partridge**
Closed upstate.
- Pheasant ***
October 1 - 31, in Albany, Clinton, Essex, Franklin, Fulton, Hamilton, Herkimer, Jefferson, Lewis, Montgomery, Otsego, Rensselaer, St. Lawrence, Saratoga, Schenectady, Schoharie, Warren and Washington Counties, 2 per day.
October 18 - November 14, rest of upstate, 2 per day.
- * For details about Sunday hunting and taking of hen pheasants refer to the small game hunting guide for 1976-77.

Ronald R. Gruber

Ronald R. Gruber, Baker St., was pronounced dead on arrival early Wednesday morning, August 18, 1976, at the Jones Memorial Hospital following a one-car accident in Main Street in Andover. He was born in Dansville, September 2, 1957, the son of Robert and Carolyn (Mitchell) Gruber.

He attended Andover Central School, enlisted in the Service and was discharged shortly afterwards from the United States Marine Corps.

Surviving in addition to his parents are two sisters: Mrs. Deborah MacInnis and Lorraine J. Gruber, both at home; one brother, Robert J. Gruber, at home; two grandmothers, Mrs. Beatrice Mitchell of Perkinsville and Mrs. Carolyn Gruber of Cohocton; one niece, one nephew and several aunts and uncles.

Friends may call Thursday from 2 to 4 p. m., and 7 to 9 p. m. at the James B. Mulholland Funeral Home in Andover, where funeral services will be held Friday at 2 p. m., with the Rev. Neil Strong, pastor of the Andover First Baptist Church, officiating.

Burial will be in Valley Brook Cemetery, Andover.

Grange News

Andover Grange No. 1098
Andover Grange will be going to Almond Grange for Installation of New Officers. A turban supper will be held. State Master Wendell Chamberlin and Staff will be doing the installing.

GRANGE CAMP-O-RAMA HELD AT INVALE

The 33rd Annual Allegany County Pomona Grange Camp-O-Rama was held at the Invale Grange Hall from August 13 to August 15, with approximately 40 people staying from Friday until Sunday.

On Saturday afternoon the Allegany County Youth played the Stauben County Youth in a Softball game and won.

Approximately 80 people attended the Pomona Grange Picnic on Sunday afternoon. They enjoyed dancing and playing bingo. A horseshoe pitching contest was postponed due to inclement weather.

NOTICE!

There will be a History Meeting at the home of Miss Margaret Wood, 27 Dyke Street, Monday, August 23, 1976 at 8 p. m. Everyone interested, please come. There will be a guest from Corning present.

Refreshments will be served following the meeting.

Cottontail Rabbit

October 1 - February 28, in all counties except those opening October 18, 6 per day.

October 18 - February 28, in Dutchess, Orange, Putnam, Rockland, Sullivan, Ulster, and Westchester Counties, 6 per day.

Varying Hare (Snowshoe Rabbit)

October 1 - March 13, in all of Clinton, Essex, Franklin, Fulton, Hamilton, Jefferson, Lewis, St. Lawrence, Saratoga, Warren and Washington Counties, as well as a portion of Herkimer County, 3 per day.

October 18 - March 13, in all of Oneida and Oswego Counties, as well as a portion of Herkimer County, 3 per day.

December 15 - February 28, in all of Broome, Chenango, Cortland, Delaware, Madison, Onondaga, Orange, Rensselaer, Sullivan and Ulster Counties, as well as portions of Albany, Greene, Otsego and Schoharie Counties, 2 per day.

European Hare

December 15 - February 28, in Albany, Columbia, Delaware, Dutchess, Greene, Montgomery

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Mrs. Camilla Harris was admitted to the St. James Mercy Hospital, Thursday as a medical patient.

Mrs. James H. Kessier, a medical patient in Jones Memorial Hospital, returned to her home Sunday.

Mrs. Donald Neely was admitted to the Jones Memorial Hospital, Sunday.

Charles Button was admitted to the Jones Memorial Hospital, Sunday.

Hugh Barlow a medical patient in the Jones Memorial Hospital was discharged Monday.

Mrs. Clarence Weatherly was admitted to the Jones Memorial Hospital Tuesday.

Mrs. Arthur Nye, a patient in Jones Memorial Hospital has been discharged.

Carl Densmore, Jr., a patient in Jones Memorial Hospital has been discharged.

Coleigh McKay, a patient in the Jones Memorial Hospital has been discharged.

Mrs. Paul McCormick, Sr., a surgical patient in the St. James Mercy Hospital, has returned to her home.

New Arrivals

Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Matison (Betty K. Jackson) of RD 1, Andover, are parents of a son, Earl Stephen, born Sunday, August 15, 1976 at the Jones Memorial Hospital, Wellsville. Mr. and Mrs. James Jackson are the maternal grandparents; Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Matison are the paternal grandparents; Mr. and Mrs. Clare Jackson, maternal great-grandparents; Walter Updyke, Greenwood, is the maternal great-grandfather and Mrs. Pear Sortore is the paternal great-grandmother.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert (Judith) Ireland of Andover are parents of a son born Tuesday, August 17, 1976 at the St. James Mercy Hospital, Hornell.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Grant (Judith Mosher) of Scio, are parents of a daughter, Danielle Dawn, born Monday, August 2, 1976 at the Jones Memorial Hospital, Wellsville. Mr. and Mrs. Lee Mosher of Wellsville are the maternal grandparents; Mrs. Mareta Routh of Randleman, N. C., is the paternal grandmother and Winfield Grant of Cuba is the paternal grandfather; the late Fortunato Sylvia and Custodia Dias of New Bedford, Mass. maternal great-grandparents; Mr. and Mrs. Corral Mosher of Hornell, maternal great-grandparents; Mr. and Mrs. Harold L. Perry, Andover, paternal great-grandparents; and the late Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Grant of Galeton, Pa., paternal grandparents.

I.O.O.B. Roadrunners Notice

All of the members of the Roadrunners Chapter of the I.O.O.B. that would like to go out for a dinner and dancing evening some time in September are requested to contact either Edith Reith at 478-8891 or Ann Appier at 478-8538.

It would be greatly appreciated if all members would respond to this request by August 29th; before the regular meeting, so that necessary plans can be discussed. All members must have their dues paid in full to be eligible to attend.

Signed, The Committee

Golden Age Club News

The Golden Age Club will meet at the Grange Hall, Monday, August 23rd. Birthdays and Anniversaries will be honored. Committee is Marie Clark, Lorna Grover and Daisy DeRemer. Cake will be furnished by the Committee and Ice Cream by Loblaws Store in Wellsville.

Hope everyone will come.

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