

## News That's Print To Fit

Well folks, now that we are starting to get settled back into the old routine, there are a few items that need to be commented on.

The first thing that demands comment and attention is the mugging of Mrs. Mary Wood, a Senior Citizen, who has lived in Andover all her life. This took place before Christmas, in broad day light, about 4 p. m., in the vicinity of the Presbyterian Church between Greenwood St. and Dyke St. She was tripped from behind, her purse snatched from her grasp as she lay on the ground, and her attacker fled West on Dyke St. with her purse. Later on her purse was found discarded in back of Fox's Garage on Main Street with her wallet missing and a ski mask in the same vicinity. A description of the attacker showed that (it) was wearing a light blue (possibly powder blue) jacket. So far, no announcement has been made as to what progress has been made in the case.

It is noteworthy to take notice of the fact that some of the young people chipped together and sent Miss Wood \$5 before Christmas to cover most of the amount of the cash that was stolen.

We considered this a back a serious matter as the victim could have received grave injuries from being hurled to the ground, and since it was turned over to the local as well as State Police, we refrained from commenting on it at the time with the hope that the professional experts could solve the crime easier and quicker by someone perhaps "talking out of turn."

However, in light of what happened early Wednesday evening at the Vars Pharmacy, it appears as if local residents should be aware of what is going on in our own community — and be alert as well as cautious!

Everyone — especially women and Senior Citizens, should be very careful not to flash any large amounts of money in public places such as stores — the Post Office — or even a Bank. After all — we don't know who is standing by to make a mental note of the information to either use for their own nefarious scheme — or to pass along the information to someone else who may want to use it!

Just enough money in your wallet to cover what expenditures you intend to make for that particular trip to the store.

Women — when you are walking alone — why not carry a small purse that you can carry in the pocket of your coat or jacket — without making a great big target in the form of a large pocketbook for a would-be thief to grab and run off your arm, or out of your hands.

Always be alert and aware of anyone coming up in back of you or meeting you on the sidewalk that is a stranger to you — and if they start to get too close — don't be afraid to let out a blood-curdling yell! The chances are that it will scare them off if they did have evil intentions.

And if you should unfortunately happen to be a victim, scream at the top of your lungs — and then try and get as good a description of your attacker as possible — note their escape route — and then report it to the police — or a responsible person who will call the police.

And, from our standpoint of view, if you are a senior citizen — above all — don't try to stop them or chase them — as you could easily precipitate a heart attack or even end up taking a nasty fall and then you would be in much worse shape!

Another item of much discussion that needs an explanation is the current County and Town Tax bills, especially for the residents of the Town of Andover — outside the Village limits.

We received our Tax Bills for property inside the Village, saw that the County Tax Rate had risen from \$28.70 in 1976 to \$30.72 for 1977; and also saw that the Town

## Wilda D. Smith

Mrs. Gail J. Smith of 35 Rochambeau Ave., Andover, died Monday, January 17, 1977, after a brief illness.

She was born in Dubin, W. Va. She was a daughter of R. and Mary M. Jack Mayo. She had three children, two sons and one daughter, all living in Andover.

In August of 1923, she married Gail James Smith, who died in 1969.

Mrs. Smith was employed at the Andover Ag-Feed in the food service department for 10 years.

Surviving in addition to her mother, Mrs. Mary M. Mayo of Andover, are two sons, Richard L. Smith of Whitesville and Robert G. Smith of Albany, N. Y.; a daughter, Mrs. Robert D. (Betty) Baker of Baton Rouge, La.; 14 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Friends were received at the funeral home in Whitesville, Va., Tuesday and Wednesday. A funeral service will be held at the funeral home on Thursday at 2 p. m., with the Rev. John Olosky, pastor of the Whitesville Methodist Church, officiating.

Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery in Whitesville.

The family ask that those wishing to do so give memorials to the Andover Rescue Squad.

## Mrs. Ella Bassett

Mrs. Ella Bassett died Thursday morning, January 20, 1977 at the Jones Memorial Hospital in Whitesville.

There will be no visitation. A memorial service will be held at 2 p. m., Sunday at the Alfred Station Seventh Day Baptist Church, with the Rev. Rex Zwiebel officiating.

Burial will be in Alfred Cemetery.

Memorial may be made to the Alfred Station Seventh Day Baptist Church or Jones Memorial Hospital.

## Golden Age Club News

The Golden Age Club will meet at the Andover Grange Hall Monday, January 24, 1977 at the regular time. Committee: Marie G. White, B. W. White, Frances Burdick.

Cake will be furnished by the Committee and Birthdays and Anniversaries will be honored at this meeting.

Tax rate had risen from \$33.42 in 1976 to \$34.67 for 1977. Neither of these appeared to be excessive, so we put them in the big pile of "Bills to be Paid Someday!"

Thus, imagine our surprise when the phone started ringing off the hook with people outside the Village but living in the Town of Andover calling about the huge increase — or new tax listed under the Town Tax with the heading of Highway 1.1A. The Tax Rate for this item was listed as \$29.12 and, when added to the rate of \$34.67 for the other Town Tax Rate, increases the Town Tax Rate to \$56.79 (approx.)

First, we determined that a hearing on the Town Budget had been duly advertised in the paper, the hearing held, and that no one had attended the hearing.

Then we did some checking to see if this was a new Tax and found that in previous years this item "Highway 1.1A" had been included in with the rest of the Town Tax but that since a new Computer Firm had been employed by the County to prepare the Tax Bills this year, this item was listed separately. Thus it was not a new Tax.

Therefore, what this approximate 64.7% increase for the Town Highway Department over last year is something that will have to be determined by going over the budget with Andover Town Board Officials.

We have heard several items discussed — for example, a new backhoe costing \$18,000; a new bridge; a new section of Town Highway; etc., but — the only sure way that we know of to find out first hand — is to go to the next Town Board Meeting and have it explained! 10-4

## The Mayor's Column

by "Mike" Brace

Declaring a State of Emergency and activating several provisions of the State Emergency Act were the actions taken by the local Firemen's Association.

As I talked with Bill Woodruff concerning Civil Defense, I remembered January 22, 1976 and the extreme cold during the black out.

Chief Encl Glover reminded me that the Fire-Department had been out on call, but that all was in order. Through the Chief's arrangement for emergency use of the power lines, we were able to had to use for a down wire on Tuesday evening.

PASNY had requested that we cut our voltage by 5% at the Sub-Station Tuesday morning. I suspect that some of you have your TV sets.

while the 5% was being slotted to urban areas. All in all, the Village was in good shape. Once again, the new Sub-Station has proved its value and credit to the Board with its tenacity in completing the project on schedule.

I have experienced difficulty with an abnormal electric consumption within homes that would have exacted a demand on the pole transformers that they could not handle. This did not happen, but we were prepared.

A reminder, Congressman Lundine's Mobile Office will be in the Village on Monday, January 24, 10:00 a. m. — 11:00 a. m.

I attended a public meeting of the Allegany County Planning Board. The issue was land use planning. Some people were very outspoken about the fears of planning its potential control. My position is very clear. I endorse planning. Allegany County must exercise what control it can over its future. Already the County is being set upon with absentee land owners that do not share the same values and attitudes. We must protect our local culture and use regulations developed and implemented by Allegany County citizens will have a beneficial impact on the future of our area.

## Presbyterian Church News

This Sunday, January 23, 1977 the Andover Presbyterian Church will celebrate Holy Communion during the Morning Worship Service at 10:00 A. M.

Commencing with the first Sunday in February the Morning Worship Service will begin at 11:00 A. M. or later than the present time. This new time will continue until the summer months. Sunday School will begin at 10:00.

## Hospital Notes

Patricia Slawson was admitted to the Jones Memorial Hospital Wednesday as a medical patient.

Charlotte Caple is a patient in the S. James Mercy Hospital.

William Case is a patient in the Jones Memorial Hospital.

Mrs. Charles Jonison was admitted to the Jones Memorial Hospital Tuesday.

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

John Billings, a patient in the Jones Memorial Hospital, has been discharged.

## Notice Of Special Village Meeting

Gentlemen: Please be advised that a special meeting of the Village Board of Trustees will be held at 7:30 p. m. on January 24th.

This notice is sent to you pursuant to section 95 of the Public Officers Law.

Such meeting is open to the public. Sincerely,  
JOAN C. DIBBLE  
Clerk

## Donald L. Perry

Donald L. Perry, of W. Center Street, Andover, died at his home Tuesday, January 18, 1977.

Born in New York City, July 29, 1934, he was a son of Leon and Edna D'Leury Perry.

He was a member of the Rochester-Burton Club of West Andover, and a member of the Lunch Burgett Post No. 397, American Legion in Andover.

Surviving are two sons, Donald Perry and Kevin Perry, both of Andover; his mother, Mrs. Edna Perry of Caledonia; a sister, Mrs. Claude (Ethel) Mitchell of Andover; and several nephews.

Funeral services will be held at the James B. Mulholland Funeral Home, Church Street, Andover, where funeral and committal services will be held at 2 p. m., Thursday, Jan. 20, 1977.

The Rev. Ray Albaugh, pastor of the Andover Methodist Church will officiate. Burial will be in Hillside Cemetery, Andover.

## Rod & Gun Club Annual Dinner

The Annual Rod & Gun Club Dinner featuring a Ham & Turkey Dinner with tasty samples of wild game will be held on Saturday, January 29, 1977 at 6 p. m. at the Rod & Gun Club Home on Kilbuck Road, with a nominal charge of \$2 per person.

Reservations must be made by Sunday, January 23rd and can be made by calling Brenda Baker 478-8170; or Irvin Swartz, 478-8638.

## Andover Presbyterian Church Holds Annual Meeting

The Andover Presbyterian Church held its Annual Congregational Meeting Sunday, January 16, 1977. The meeting was preceded by a Commemorative Dinner.

The meeting was moderated by the Rev. John A. Baxter, Paul Whitehouse, Chairman of the Trustees, conducted the meeting which was reported by the Clerk of Session, Mrs. Clara York.

Newly elected Elders to serve three year terms are Mrs. Evelyn Bronson, Mrs. Marian McClure and Oliver Kemp.

Trustees elected for three years are Mrs. Susan Godowa, Mrs. Joy VanStine and Glenn Bronson.

Officers elected are: Head Usher — Alvin Hoover, Sunday School Superintendent — Miss Janet Manroe, Church Treasurer — Miss Jean Harvey.

Evangelist Chairman — Kenneth McClure, Stewardship Chairman — Glenn Bronson, Auditing Committee — Glenn Bronson and Fay Boyd.

## Friday Weather Closes Schools

Superintendent of Schools, Principal Curville Jordan, he received a phone call Monday afternoon from Dr. Charles Holbrook, Superintendent of Allegany County, sole supervisory district, closing all school in the county, along with BOCES in Belmont.

This action of closing the schools for Tuesday & Wednesday was ordered by the N. Y. S. Commissioner of Education, Nyequist after a request from the Public Service Commission.

## New Arrivals

Mr. and Mrs. Leon McNeill (Mary-Jane VanDyke) of Andover are parents of a daughter born Monday, January 17, 1977 at the Bethesda Hospital, Harpell.

Mr. and Mrs. David Johnson (Clara Thomas) of Andover are parents of a daughter born Monday, January 17, 1977 at the Jones Memorial Hospital, Whitesville.

## Village Board Holds Monthly Meeting

The regular monthly meeting of the Village Board was held in the Village Office Monday evening, December 21, 1976 at 7:30 p. m.

Present were: Mayor Harold Rice, Mayor Harold Rice, Avery Mead, Karl Graves and Elmo Barden, Trustees.

Minutes of the meeting held November 8th were read and approved on a motion made by Avery Mead, seconded by Karl Graves.

Moved by Elmo Barden, seconded by Avery Mead, to issue a building permit to the Town of Andover to build a Fire Hall and Emergency Complex on the corner of Rt. 417 and 21. Carried.

Moved by Karl Graves and seconded by Elmo Barden, to commit the anti-recession funds in the amount of \$869.00 to help out people in need. Carried.

Moved by Harold Rice and seconded by Karl Graves to place the usual Christmas ad in the Andover News, half of which is reimbursed by the M.E.U.A. Carried.

Budget accounting for 6 months ending 11/30/76 was reviewed and discussed.

Notice was received by the Village that the application for funds for services and reimbursement for the Senior Citizens was approved in the amount of \$1200 for 1977.

Karl Graves reported that the application for a grant for a new Fire Hall Emergency Complex has been approved by the EPA and State of Washington for final approval.

The Police vacancy was discussed and it was decided to have the part-time men fill in until such time as a new officer can be hired.

Moved by Harold Rice and seconded by Karl Graves, to accept the following Police Report for the month of November: Complaints 16; Calls 16; Accidents 3; Total Arrests 5; Traffic 2; Courtesy Tickets issued 12; Assists to other Agencies 8; Court Appearances 3.

Sell's hours 106; Patrolman Belmont's hours 127; Mileage on Patrol Vehicle 39,600; month of November 1,700 miles.

Sup. Rossman reported that the new Sub Station has been put in place and is functioning properly.

All of the primary lines are now disconnected from the old sub station and the Power Authority has removed all of their old equipment and started the new Niagara Mohawk Power Corp. (N.M.P.C.) still has to disconnect their primary feeders to the old sub-station. We are now in the process of moving all of the arc circuit street light equipment outside. This will remove all of the 2400 volt lines from inside the village limits. The ground system on the new Sub Station has been metred and read O-ohm.

Abstract No. 7 of 70-77 was filed and approved for payment in the following amounts: General — \$3420.49; Water — \$803.09; and Electric — \$8219.20 and Electric Sub-Station — \$752.27.

Moved by Karl Graves and seconded by Avery Mead to borrow \$5,000 on a tax anticipation note from the Citizen National Bank at 6% interest. Full resolution and copy of note attached to minutes.

Where as the Village of Andover needs an additional \$25,000 to complete the Sub-Station now in progress, it was moved by Elmo Barden and seconded by Harold Rice to authorize Avery Argenti to sell this amount in Serial Bonds as soon as possible. All ayes.

This concluded the business and the meeting was adjourned. Approved: 1/10/77

JOAN C. DIBBLE, Clerk

## Andover Free Library

The Annual Meeting of the Andover Free Library will be held at the Library on Friday, January 28, 1977 at 4:00 p. m.

Annual Reports will be given and such other business transactions as may come before the meeting. Anyone interested is cordially invited to attend.