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ERIE R. R. CROSSING ON MAIN STREET A DEATH-TRAP

Andover's Attorney, Crayton L. Earley, Nearly Lost Life Early Friday Morning

It was nothing short of a miracle that saved Attorney Crayton L. Earley from being instantly crushed to death under the wheels of the Erie's fast train No. 13, early Friday morning.

The accident occurred a little before 8 o'clock. Attorney Earley, beside being Andover's efficient attorney, is the head of one of our industries, the Andover Heading Company. He was on his way to the plant when the accident occurred. The train was running at a fast rate of speed, having shut off its power and was coasting down the steep grade, noiselessly.

As was his custom in crossing railroad tracks, witnesses to the sad accident, saw Mr. Earley slow down. He says he looked for a train just before reaching the crossing. Seeing none he gave his car the gas and started across. He had his car barely moving when he saw the train coming around the sharp curve. His front wheels were just to the first rail. He realized at once that he was caught in a trap. The use of quick judgment at this time is undoubtedly what saved him from instant death. He figured that it would be better to be hit in the rear of his car, the train throwing the machine away from itself, rather than in front and be drawn under by the suction. He had gotten nearly across when the pilot of the engine struck the rear of the automobile.

Mr. Earley was thrown thru the windshield and sustained many cuts and bruises. He was picked up unconscious by the train crew and eyewitnesses to the accident and taken to the office of Dr. Cleary, where he was made as comfortable as possible. He is still confined to his bed. The auto was smashed into kindling wood and is a total wreck.

The crossing at which this accident occurred is the same death trap that the Erie Railroad Company has been maintaining on Andover's Main Street for years, despite the fact that protests have been made for its removal. At least three people have been killed at this crossing within the past few years and numerous others have come just as close to eternity at this crossing as they ever will and escape.

No one but the Erie Railroad Company are at fault for this accident.

ABANDON NEW WORK ON THE STATE ROADS

Freight Embargoes and Labor and Material Shortage Force Decision.

Albany, May 20.—Proposed State road reconstruction work, added to contracts now unfinished, will reach a total of \$24,000,000 more road work than the State highway department has ever accomplished in any one year, according to a statement tonight by Frederick Stuart Greene, State highway commissioner. Contemplated highway construction estimated at \$16,000,000 will be postponed, however, Mr. Greene said, because of freight embargoes, scarcity of material and the shortage of labor.

The State now has in force 217 highway contracts, amounting to more than \$28,500,000, on which less than \$9,000,000 of work has been performed, leaving \$19,500,000 of unfinished work, the statement indicated. In addition to this unfinished work, the department plans to award contract amounting to \$5,000,000 for reconstruction of old roads, it being the policy to curtail further new construction until vitally necessary reconstruction work has been completed.

New construction work, it was explained, will be abandoned until the abnormal condition in transportation, labor and material have returned to a level advantageous to the State.

NOTICE!

Save the discount by paying your electric bill before June 1st.
Village Board of Trustees.

—Nothing equal to ebonyit grease for your transmission or differential.
Parker Garage.

FLOWERS FOR MEMORIAL

Andover has about one hundred graves of Grand Army Veterans to decorate. The scarcity of flowers on account of unfavorable weather conditions, this Spring, must be considered. The ladies of Edward Seaman Relief Corps request any one having flowers which they would like to give for this purpose to bring them to G. A. R. Hall Wednesday morning, where a committee will be in waiting to receive them after 9 o'clock.

NOTICE!

Members of Edward Seaman Relief Corps will meet at their hall, Sunday evening at 7 o'clock, to accompany the Grand Army Veterans to the service at the Methodist Church. All members are urged to attend.

"Y" CAMP FOR BOYS OF ALLEGANY CO. OPENS JULY 10

Church Schools and Others May Hold Picnic in June at Camp.

Camp Shenawana, the "Y" Camp for the boys of Allegany County, will open July 10th.

The Camp Committee composed of A. E. Champlin of Alfred, E. C. Hornburg and L. C. Whitford of Wellsville, Wm. MacKintzie of Belmont and J. N. Thompson of Angelica held a meeting recently to plan for the Camp of 1923. A neat and attractive folder has been prepared and can be had by applying to S. F. Lester of Wellsville.

Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Stearns of Andover have been engaged to preside over the kitchen. This is one of the best recommends the camp could have especially with the boys who camped with them last year.

The Committee decided to open the Camp site for Church School picnics during the month of June and probably for a period following the boys camp. Mr. Stearns will be in charge of the property beginning June 1st and the kitchen will be open for the accommodation of such groups. Other community groups may apply and if the schedule will permit secure the same privilege. All privileges on Sunday are reserved for Association purposes, Conference and other gatherings for the furtherance of Y. M. C. A. work in the County will be conducted.

Written application for the use of the Camp site must be in advance. The schedule of engagements will be kept at the Association office in Wellsville. Application should be made to S. F. Lester, County Secretary.

No charge will be made for privileges granted but those using the site are requested to cooperate with the boys of the County in the project of erecting a lodge or club house. Plans for such a building have been drawn by Mr. T. C. Major and the work of construction will begin as soon as the Camp management can secure the necessary materials. Contributions from groups using the camp site will go into a fund for the purchase of materials.

Rude Rural Rhymes

CREATION

My fellow man's a curious cuss and feign would know why things are thus; forever asking what is what, his mental eye is never shut. In these rude rhymes that look like prose, I've told how human life arose, elucidated unto you, some facts that "Bryan" never knew. This good old world, the best of topics, I now explain from poles to tropics. The nebular hypothesis is useful for a job like this. When back, far back, our vision passes, we find a universe of gases. Although that gas was hot and fizzy, at first it was not whirling dizzily, but as the mixture cooled we think it probably began to shrink. Uneven shrinking caused rotation until she spun like a top. Then earth began her course to run, and sister planets one by one were thrown off from the central sun. Still does our earth, though seeming quiet, show traces of her early riot. Her crust has central fires to move it, our earthquakes and volcanoes prove it. And, like the earth, our souls have sprung from something old but ever young, planets of God that, every one, revolve around the parent sun. However thick the crust of sin, some primal fire still burns within, and evermore upon us beat eternal floods of light and heat, until this stubborn soil of ours is blessed at last with fruit and flowers.

BOB ADAMS

ALLEGANY COUNTY OFFICIAL ROLL OF HONOR

General Kincaid Has Filed Official List With County Clerk at Belmont

The report shows that 48 of the finest young manhood of Allegany county died of wounds, killed in action or accidents while in the service of the United States during the World War. This list has been compiled by Brigadier General J. Leslie Kincaid, adjutant general of the state.

The complete list of Allegany county's roll of honor of the World War follows:

Andrus, Clair, Bolivar, Pvt. Co. M, 308th Inf. Died of broncho pneumonia, October 5, 1918.
Barber, William H., R. F. D. No. 3, Wellsville, Pvt. Co. Camp Gordon Repl. Draft Nov. 25-18. Died of measles and broncho pneumonia, Nov. 25, 1918.
Bass, Elmer W., Alfred, Corp. Co. K, 108th Inf. Died of pneumonia, April 29, 1918.

Boettner, Carl J., R. F. No. 1, Wellsville, Pvt. Co. K, 312th Inf. Died of ill effects, October 29, 1918.
Boettner, Walter H., R. F. D. No. 1, S. Main St., Wellsville, Pvt. Co. B, 310th Inf. Killed in action, September 22, 1918.
Canfield, Paul Bradley, Wellsville, Vvt. 1st cy., Hdqs. Co., 307th F. A. Killed in action, November 4, 1918.
Cook, Albert, West Almond, Pvt. Co. M, 18th Inf. Killed in action, January 21, 1918.
Corbin, Harlan, H., Schuyler St., Belmont, Pvt. 1st cl. Co. A, 327th Inf. Killed in action, October 16, 1918.

Cottrell, Arthur M., Alfred, Capt. A. S. S. C. Died of disease, October 12, 1918, Garden City, N. Y.

DeLong, Herbert W., Belmont, Pvt. Co. D, 307th Inf. Killed in action, September 16, 1918.
Dodge, William J., R. F. D. No. 1, Andover, Pvt. Co. E, 7th Inf. Died of lobar pneumonia, January 15, 1918.

Geisonhof, Charles, 135 Early St., Wellsville, Pvt. Co. M, 308th Inf. Died of wounds, October 5, 1918.
Gottschalk, Charles F., 358 Dyke St., Wellsville, Pvt. 1st cl. Co. B, 9 Am. Th. Died of broncho pneumonia, January 20, 1919.

Hadley, Otis H., 32 Pleasant St., Wellsville, Pvt. Co. G, 7th Inf. Killed in action, July 17, 1918.

Hayes, Morrison, R. F. D. No. 3, Wellsville, Corp. Co. D, 12 M. G. Bn. Died of wounds, July 19, 1918.

Hurlburt, William H., Belmont Pvt. 1st cl. Co. M, 108th Inf. Killed in action, October 19, 1918.

Johnson, Harold F., 380 N. Main St., Wellsville, Pvt. Co. B, 310th Inf. Died of wounds, September 18, 1918.

Jordan, Roland A., Cuba, Pvt. Co. 1, 108th Inf. Killed in action, September 28, 1918.

Kalf, Edward, 86 1-2 Hanover St., Wellsville, Pvt. Btry. D, 304 F. A. Died of wounds in action, September 1, 1918.

Kreiner, Charles F., Box 185, Bolivar, Pvt. 36 Co. 9, Bn., 153 Dep. Brig. Died of broncho pneumonia, October 8, 1918.

LaFever, Clayton R., R. F. D. No. 3, Cuba, Wagoner, Btry. B, 18 F. A. Died of broncho pneumonia, following measles, March 21, 1918.

Leonard, William R., 140 East State St., Wellsville, Pvt. 42 Rct. Sq. 3 P. Reg. Avia C. MacArthur. Died of emphyema following pneumonia, March 11, 1918.

Loring, David A., R. F. D. No. 1, Wellsville, Pvt. 1st cl. Co. B, 305 Inf. Died of wounds in action, November 17, 1918.

Lynch, Thomas M., Andover, Sgt. Co. C, 47th Inf. Killed in action, August 10, 1918.

Montone, Angele, P. O. Box 7, Belvidere, Pvt. Co. K, 312th Inf. Killed in action, October 31, 1918.

Ormsby, Orsen C., R. F. D. No. 1, Alfred Station, Pvt. M. G., Co. 306th Inf. Killed in action, October 15, 1918.

Payne, Lee, Box 66, Clarksville, Wagoner, Btry. 11 Cav. Died of measles and pneumonia, January 6, 1918.

Peters, Harold E., 25 Cemetery St., Cuba, Pvt. Co. K, Engrs. Tng. Regt. Died of acute bilateral broncho pneumonia, October 9, 1918.

Root, James C., General Delivery Bolivar, Corp. Ft. Bat. Sept. Aua. Repl. Draft. C. A. C. Died of pneumonia, October 7, 1918.

Rosell, Charles L., East State St., Wellsville, Pvt. Co. B, 310th Inf. Died accidentally, killed by rifle, July 10, 1918.

Scott, Winfield L., Jr., Swain, Pvt. Co. M, 308th Inf. Killed in action, September 14, 1918.

Searies, Wallace E., P. O. Box 87, Swain, Pvt. Co. F, 308th Inf. Killed in action, August 22, 1918.

MEMORIAL DAY AS IT WILL BE IN ANDOVER

Thos. M. Lynch Post American Legion in Charge; H. D. Bacon, Speaker

Arrangements have been completed by the local Post of the American Legion for the proper observance of Memorial Day in Andover, next Wednesday.

The Sunday evening Memorial service will be held this year at the Methodist Church and Rev. C. H. Whelan will deliver the sermon to the Veterans of the G. A. R. and ladies of the Relief Corps. Both organizations will attend the service in a body. World War Veterans and Sons of Veterans are also especially invited to this service.

Memorial Day
Next Wednesday morning, Memorial Day, will be given over to the G. A. R. committees to decorating the graves of departed comrades in the various cemeteries in and around Andover.

The Line of March
The line of march forms at G. A. R. Hall at 12:30, as follows:

Colors and Color Guard.
I. O. O. F. Band.
Firing Squad.
Edward Seaman Post G. A. R. in automobiles.

Women's Relief Corps in automobiles.
Ex-service Men in uniform.

Fife and Drum Corps.
Sons of Veterans.
Boy Scouts in uniform.

Andover Hook & Ladder Co.
School children.
Citizens.

Line of march: up Main Street to Elm, up Elm to Church, out Church to Greenwood, down Greenwood to Main, up Main to Hill, up Hill to cemetery.

The Program
1:00—G. A. R. services at Hillside Cemetery.
1:30—Line reform and returns to Auditorium.

2:00—Auditorium
Selection
Prayer Rev. R. E. MacGowan
Violin Solo Mrs. A. D. Fuller
Lincoln's Gettysburg Address Harry Joyce

Reading Roll of Honor Edward Seaman Post G. A. R. No. 481.
Comrade T. N. Boyd
Miss Olive Chase
Address Rev. H. D. Bacon
"America"

—The ladies of Edward Seaman Relief Corps will serve luncheon at G. A. R. Hall, following the Memorial address at the Auditorium, Wednesday, to all Civil War Veterans, the American Legion and invited guests.

Sheriff, Walter E. S., Main St., Wellsville, Pvt. Co. D, 328th Inf. Died of meningitis, June 14, 1919.

Slade, George O., Fillmore, Pvt. Co. F, 131st Inf. Died of wounds received in action, November 11, 1918.

Straight, Burr D., Almond, 2nd Lt. Co. 1, 9th Inf. Killed in action, October 3, 1918.

Swetland, Oliver E., R. F. D. No. 2, Cuba, Corp. Hq., Co. 7th Inf. Died as result of wounds caused by explosions, February 14, 1919.

Thomas, Dee, Hume, Corp. Co. G, 146th Inf. Killed in action, October 1, 1918.

Thomas, John Crawford, Swain, Pvt. Stu. A. Tng. C. Al. Univ. Al. N. Y. Died of broncho pneumonia, October 17, 1918.

Vellie, John Carleton, Bolivar, Corp Btry. B, 34th F. A. Died of broncho pneumonia, January 28, 1918.

Wagner, Gregory, Belmont, Pvt. Co. H, 148th Inf. Killed in action, November 3, 1918.

Webster, Claude, Scio, Pvt. Med. Det. 307 Engrs. Died of pneumonia, November 24, 1917.

Webster, Herbert L., 94 Hanover St., Wellsville, Pvt. Co. K, 312th Inf. Killed in action, October 25, 1918.

Whalen, John J., R. D. No. 1, Canadea, Pvt. 43 Co. 11 Bn. 153 Dep. Brig. Died of broncho pneumonia, October 6, 1918.

Wheeler, Harlan M., Cuba, Corp. Co. B, 327th Inf. Killed in action, October 13, 1918.

Willis, Lloyd L., R. F. D. No. 4, Belmont, Pvt. 26 Rct. Co. Gen. Serv. Inf. Died of pneumonia, April 5, 1918.

Wolfe, Matthew E., 38 Martin St., Wellsville, Pvt. Repair Unit 312 M. T. C. Died of broncho pneumonia, October 12, 1918.

Wellman, Willard, Friendship Chief Electrician Radio, U. S. N. R. F. Died October 24, 1918.

McLaughlin, Cornelius Jos., Cuba, U. S. M. C. Died of cerebro spinal fever, September 30, 1918.

Descriptive of Scenes in France After the War

Letters Written on the Spot Described, by Dr. J. P. Cleary, to Friends in the United States.

Brussels, Belgium, Feb. 9, 1921.
An idea may be formed of the destruction and reconstruction in France in connection with the war from the following facts and figures which I have copied from an official pamphlet on the subject issued by "Le Comité Des Regions Devastees" in Paris.

Population
Before the war.....37,797,000
Troops mobilized.....8,420,000
Number troops killed.....1,364,000
Number troops maimed and wounded.....2,600,000
Population driven out by war 2,728,000; returned 1,023,000.
Municipalities destroyed 4,068; re-established 4,066.
Schools destroyed 6,445; re-established 5,346.
Houses destroyed 574,777; rebuilt 13,100; repaired 178,500; temporary structures 46,570.

Arable lands in disorder, acres 9,810,000; cleared of projectiles 8,810,000. Cleared of iron wire 6,678,000; ploughed 3,756,000.
Cattle taken away returned
Horses and mules 267,000 4,400
Oxen 523,000 74,000
Sheep 465,000 43,000
Railways destroyed, miles 2,880; repaired 737.
Canals destroyed 992 miles, repaired 448.
Roads destroyed, miles 32,031; repaired miles 1,215; improved 9,961 miles.

Factories destroyed 32,031; working 3,540; being rebuilt 3,812.
Workmen employed in 3,508 factories recorded: In 1914, 679,000; in 1920, 300,000.

Iron trades, blast furnaces working in 1914, 72; working in 1920, 17.
Agriculture cultivated areas

1914
Wheat 14,975,000 acres
Rye 2,595,000 acres
Oats 8,871,000 acres

1919
Wheat 10,315,000 acres
Rye 2,030,000 acres
Oats 6,815,000 acres

1920
Wheat 12,098,000 acres
Rye 2,239,000 acres
Oats 13,131,000 acres

The above, mind you, applies only to France. Similar, and indeed worse conditions prevail in Serbia, Romania, Italy, Luxemburg and Belgium.

be equal to the combined area of Massachusetts and New Hampshire. Although two years and more have elapsed since the termination of the war the scenes of destruction in the battle-field areas of France and Belgium are still difficult to grasp, for its magnitude and its thoroughness makes one wonder how it could have been brought about by human hands.

In some districts where the fighting was most intense the destruction is appalling. This is particularly the case in Verdun and its immediate vicinity; and Zeebrugge, Ostend, Bruges, Ypres, Dixmude, Nieuport and many other places in Belgium.

I have just returned from a trip through the above places, making the journey by means of train, automobiles and walking not a few miles along the roads and through the fields.

The battle-fields are again becoming farms and gardens. Towns are arising from the ashes. Refugees are gradually returning. Men, women, and children are striving hard and against many difficulties to rebuild their homes and re-cultivate the land. But it is going to be an arduous and dangerous job, for it is hazardous to walk over or dig in the farms.

Along the road a short distance out of Ypres I saw a farm on one side where the work of leveling was so complete and the work of clearing up so well done there was nothing to indicate it was the scene of some of the most terrible fighting in the war. In it, walking more than a few yards without seeing some wretched reminder of the terrible fighting that must have taken place there, was impossible. Abandoned helmets, bombs, rifles, bayonets, shoes, pieces of clothing, shells, bombs, many of them exploded and human skeletons were scattered here and there. I saw one skeleton in a trench.

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