

# THE ANDOVER NEWS

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## AS ANOTHER SEES US.

A FRIEND talked to us for an hour the other day about conditions in Andover as he sees them.

He is a man with an open mind, a quiet student of community affairs, and sees men, women and conditions as they are.

Perhaps to a certain extent he is a moralizer, but in his moralizing he puts his finger on the spot.

He mentioned numerous highly respected citizens who are in the prominent class, but whose prominence seldom impels them to do anything exceptional for community betterment.

In contrast to them he mentioned others who are more humble in their mode of life, yet who are energetic and determined workers for the public weal.

He deplores the lack of co-operation, the petty jealousies, the religious bickerings, and the growing formation of close corporations and social cliques.

He sees in Andover the good that comes to our community accomplished by the efforts of a few, working regardless of factional differences, while the many are complacent, or indifferent, or willing to have others do the work for them.

He sees, also, a community that should be well up toward the head of its class, yet in reality one that is just drifting along—good, but not as good as it should be; not bad, but decidedly worse than it should be.

And why are conditions as they are?

He summarizes thusly:

There are not enough Georges in our midst—not enough people who are willing to forget self for a moment and do something for others.

The town, he says, is full of brains, but those brains are devoted almost exclusively to the advancement of personal interests and pleasures.

He concedes the right of any person to achieve the distinction of becoming a "prominent citizen," but that prominence, he thinks, carries its penalty in the way of proportionate community obligations.

He hopes to see our prominent citizens emerge from their comfortable retirement and put their shoulders again to the community wheel. It needs the weight of their influence to whirl it at a healthy rate.

Too many of the little fellows are working, he thinks, while too many of the big ones are looking on.

And lastly, he thinks, the community needs the united efforts of big, little, old, and young.

He is too modest to publish his views himself.

We are briefly airing them for him.

## TOO MUCH AND NOT ENOUGH.

WE HAVE too much politics and not enough politician in this country—too many followers and not enough leaders.

From coast to coast and from Canada to the gulf we see our political machinery in the hands of a few, controlled by professionals who make use of every known trick in order to prevent the great mass of voters from expressing their free and unhampered will at the polls.

In many cases they regard the public as sheep, expected to follow the bell wether wherever he goes. If you can turn enough tricks for the bell wether you may swallow a political plum as your reward. If not, you will be permitted to vote—as the bell wether suggests. No tricks, no plums.

Every voter should be a politician, a leader. He should study political conditions and insist upon the placing of our best men in public office.

A good republican is better than a poor democrat, and a good democrat is preferable to a poor republican.

Yellow dogs should not be elected merely because they wear the party collar.

Christ lived in Andover today

what would he do?

He would muzzle the kicker, convert the gossip, ginger up the do-nothings, encourage thrift and enterprise, promote community harmony, commend the booster, cast out the destroyer, and abolish jazz.

But Christ doesn't live here, and it's left for you and others to do the good work.

We dropped into a local home the other day and the first book that met our eye was the Bible. It was in exactly the same position it occupied the last time we were there.

When a fool talks a wise man keeps still.

## THE BOOSTER

SOME one in Andover is tacitly accepted as our foremost booster. He has that reputation because he has earned it in the past, and still continues to boost.

He has a habit of doing things, of accomplishing results, of working for the community while others are content to reap the benefit of what he does.

Whoever he may be, there are others who are jealous of him, who are ready to belittle him, possibly to jab him in the back—because the work that he does is in such contrast to the nothing that they do.

He has his faults, of course, but when the rest of us are without faults it will be time for us to criticize him.

Who is our foremost booster?

## CHARITABLE WOMEN

WHO IS the most charitable woman in town? But perhaps you know the one.

Anyway, she has a tender heart that is full of compassion, that aches for others in trouble or distress.

If she hears a "story" about some other woman she is not too hasty in swallowing the details and reaching out for more. She gives the other woman the benefit of the doubt and hopes that it is not true, or at least that it is exaggerated.

She believes in bringing up her children to be true and honorable—sweet and gentle—quite in contrast to the jazzy training that is transforming so many boys and girls into hardened cynics with an extensive knowledge of the worldly ways.

She is always doing something good, and looking around for something else to do.

She's here among us—she's one of us—but who is she?

## THE KICKER

AND, unfortunately, we have the greatest chronic kicker, whoever and wherever he may be.

Nothing pleases him except that which he does or proposes himself—and there isn't much that he does or proposes kicking to doing.

If fifty of our foremost citizens representing all shades of politics and religious beliefs, were to unanimously agree that a certain thing should be done the kicker would find fault with it. It would be wrong, because others considered it right.

The kicker seldom considers a question upon its merits. In fact, he doesn't do much considering at all. He just winds up his kicker, starts to moving, and never allows it to stop.

He will go out of this world as he came in, kicking—and but few will kick over his departure.

Have a little of the consideration that he does not possess, and don't name him.

## THE GOSSIP

HAVE we such an attraction as the "worst gossip" in town? Or have we any gossips at all?

Of course you are not expected to name her, because you have troubles enough.

But we're not saying anything about gossips, because there is nothing left that has not already been said.

Out of their own mouths they are named, labeled, and set aside in a class by themselves.

Learn to select the worth-answering want ads.

## Money on First Mortgage At 3½ Per Cent

From the Federal Land Bank

PURPOSES FOR WHICH LOANS MAY BE MADE

1. Buy a Farm
2. Buy livestock or equipment
3. Pay existing mortgages
4. Pay other existing debts

Application should be made before October 25th for all money needed before next May. ONLY LONG TIME LOANS. For information write

FARM BUREAU, Belmont, N. Y.

# SALE OF School Shoes

10 to 30% REDUCTION

Every Pair of Misses', Children's and Boys' School Shoes (no reservations) will be put on sale FRIDAY AND SATURDAY (this week) at CUT PRICES

THESE FAMOUS MAKES:

Buster Brown School Shoes

Walton School Shoes

Endicott-Johnson School Shoes

## CLOTHING STORE SPECIALS

BOYS' OVERCOATS, made in the snappy belted double-breasted styles—all new \$12.50

JUVENILE OVERCOATS, ages 5 to 10 years, finest chinchillas—all colors \$8.75 & \$9.75

All Boys' Heavy Wool Sweaters 10 to 20 per ct. off regular prices

Famous Blackman Flannel Shirts \$1.00 to \$5.50

Men's Heavy Fleece Shirts and Drawers 85c

Stephenson Wool Mixed Union Suits \$2.95

James P. Cannon Company

Store Open Every Monday, Wednesday and Saturday Nights

# Annual Firemen's Fair!

Andover Hook & Ladder, No. 1, will Hold its Regular Annual Fair

Tuesday and Wednesday  
October 9th and 10th

AT I. O. O. F. HALL

## PROGRAM

Fair at I. O. O. Hall, October 9th

Special Picture Show and Vaudeville at Auditorium

October 10th

Supper at I. O. O. F. Dining Hall by the Wives and Sweethearts of the Hook & Ladder Co. Boys

at 5:30 Until All Are Served

Fair at I. O. O. F. Hall

SPECIAL FEATURE PICTURE SHOW  
at Auditorium, Followed by DANCE

Soliciting Committee—Fay E. Boyd, A. O. Kemp

To whom voluntary contributions to the Fair may be given.

Don't Wait for them to call upon you.

Help the Firemen to Pay for Their Truck