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"LADIES NIGHT" TO BE OBSERVED BY C. OF C.

Members Will Bring Their Girls and Enjoy Happy Evening.

Members of the Andover Chamber of Commerce are anticipating a most enjoyable evening next Thursday night, December 6, which is the regular meeting of the Chamber of Commerce, but will be "Ladies Night."

At this meeting members will gather at 8:00 for a short business meeting, with their ladies. The business session will only care for matters that may be pressing, as the time will be devoted to entertaining our guests, the ladies of the party.

Following the business meeting a fine program of singing, dancing and cards has been arranged, including vocal selections by Lee G. Mills-party, and a reading by Mrs. Johnson.

The Pease Orchestra has been engaged to furnish the inspiration for the dancing for the occasion. There will be both round and square dances played so all may enjoy the kind of foot-slinging they prefer.

This meeting is to be a frolic for the members of the Andover Chamber of Commerce and their ladies. Any one not a member but who desires to join before this party can do so by seeing W. F. O'Connell, Chairman of the Finance Committee or A. D. Fuller, Secretary of the Chamber of Commerce and enrolling.

A luncheon will be served. The bill will be only enough to cover the lunch and music. Fifty cents each or \$1.00 per couple.

FORMER ANDOVER BUSINESS MAN DIES

George P. Gorton, a Civil War Veteran Passes, Aged 78.

Following a stroke which overtook him Thursday, George Gorton, well known Warren resident and respected member of Bell-Harmon Post, G. A. R., passed away at the home of his son, Robert Gorton, 322 Mahoning Avenue, at 2:45 a. m. today.

Mr. Gorton came to Warren in 1894 and since that time has found his way into all with whom he became acquainted. Had he lived until Sunday, Mr. Gorton would have attained the age of 76, having been born November 4, 1847 in Corning, N. Y.

Enlisting at Rochester, N. Y., at the age of 16, Mr. Gorton took part in many of the main battles of the Civil War. He was a member of Company H, 14th regiment, N. Y. Heavy Artillery, and became a corporal before the war came to a close.

Mr. Gorton was wounded in the battle of Spotsylvania, May 12, 1864, from which he soon recovered. Later he was taken captive by the Confederate army, but within 15 minutes he together with several other boys in blue escaped and again joined the northern army.

Mr. Gorton was honorably discharged from the service in August, 1865, and was wedded to Mary McConnell of Corning three years later. Three children were born to the union, one only of whom is now living. One daughter and a son passed away several years ago. Mrs. Gorton survives her husband.

In 1895 Mr. and Mrs. Gorton came to Warren from Warren county, Pa., and have since made their home with their son Robert.

Mr. Gorton was the son of Rufus and Betsey Gorton. He became ill one week ago last Wednesday and was forced to his bed, gradually becoming worse until death came this morning.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p. m. Monday from the home of his son Robert on Mahoning Avenue in charge of Dr. S. B. Salmon. The body will be placed in the Oakwood Mausoleum.

The Gorton family lived in Andover from 1875 to 1879 and returned there for a year in 1882. Mr. Gorton was Superintendent of a tannery close to the Erie Railroad tracks. The youngest child, George, now deceased, was born in Andover.

HOUSE WARMING AND KITCHEN SHOWER

Last Friday evening about thirty-five friends and neighbors of Mr. and Mrs. Vivian Sweet gave them a House Warming and Kitchen Shower at their home on the Mack Dean farm.

After Mr. and Mrs. Sweet recovered from their surprise the company were entertained with music, reading and visiting. A fine lunch was served.

At a late hour the guests departed. Mr. and Mrs. Sweet were the recipients of many useful gifts.

A TRIBUTE TO LATE JOHN FAISANT BY R. BENOIST

Former President Andover Silk Co. Expresses Kind Regard

The following letter, written on board S. S. Majestic, and just received by the News, speaks for itself:

Editor of the Andover News,

Dear Sir: I have been deeply moved by the universal feelings of sorrow and sympathy manifested in Andover and so well expressed in your paper at the time of the death of Mr. John H. Faisant, our General Superintendent.

I have had the privilege, as President of Andover Silk Co., of being associated with Mr. Faisant and working with him during the last eight years. He was a very capable and efficient manager, knowing thoroughly the technicalities of his work and having a very sound judgment; he was, in fact, always equal to the calls made on him by any situation. But, above all, he was a thoroughly good and just man. Kindness and justice seem to me to have been the characteristics of his mind.

Altho born in New York City, he was a real Andover man; he had to heart the promotion of all Andover interests, and certainly the village has lost in him one of its best citizens. I can remember, when in 1916 we decided to enlarge the scope of our business, how reluctant he was to look for a location outside Andover. It was only after we ascertained the impossibility of finding in Andover a sufficient number of work hands, that he unwillingly accepted to look further afield and to start our new factory at Depew.

His loss is a very serious one for us as well as for Andover and altho we shall certainly find some one to take his place, I know that his successor will have a difficult task to gain for himself the same esteem and appreciation from all.

Personally, I have lost a very good friend and I shall miss his affectionate greeting and genial smile when I visit again Andover.

I take this opportunity to wish you to express to the members of the Village Board, of the Business men Committee and of the Andover Chamber of Commerce, our company's and my own personal thanks for their kind and just appreciation of the high qualities and the high moral standing of our late Superintendent.

We mean to stick to Andover and keep our mills running there as on the past.

I hope we shall keep the traditional good relationship which has always existed between our company and the citizens of Andover and their representatives. It will be their manner to keep faith to the best memory of our ever regretted friend, John H. Faisant.

I am, dear Sir,

Yours very sincerely,

R. BENOIST,

Chairman of the Board of Directors,

Albert Godde Bedin Inc., and late President of the Andover Silk Co.

CASEY — MORAN

Married at Blessed Sacrament Church by Rev. Father P. C. Tracy, Wednesday morning, Nov. 28th, 1923, Miss Anna E. Casey of Andover and Mr. Robert T. Moran of Wellsville.

The bride was attired in a natty brown travelling suit, with hat to match and was attended by her sister, Miss Mary Casey. Mr. Mortimer Driscoll was the best man.

A wedding breakfast was served after the ceremony at the home of the brides mother, Mrs. Ellen Casey. The Misses Ellen Casey and Metta Harris serving.

Mr. and Mrs. Moran left Andover in the afternoon for a short honeymoon trip to Elmira and eastern cities. They will be at home to their friends after Dec. 10th at Andover, N. Y.

Connors Highway in Florida A Record in Road Building

Buffalo Publisher Visions Transportation Needs and Pushes Highway Through Swamps to Connect East and West Florida Coasts and Opens Up New Farm Lands. Ready for Traffic by the First of January.

New York, Nov. 29.—"Everybody," said if I was fool enough to go ahead and do it, then let me shoot," said W. J. Connors, the millionaire newspaper owner of Buffalo, N. Y., recently discussing the building of the Connors Highway in Florida, perhaps the most gigantic road building and engineering enterprise ever conceived by a private individual.

"The road, fifty miles long, one foot wider than the Dixie Highway,



weave five deep in hard rock, with a four foot shoulder on each side, cement and asphalt covered—will be finished next year—ending the most rapid road construction known in this country. It will be open for automobile traffic by the end of January. The toll is to be fixed by the State Legislature, but whatever it is, according to Mr. Connors, it will be a saving of time and money to the people—150 miles of distance saved, which means a wee bit less gasoline and a roadway of fifty miles as smooth as a billiard table.

The road extends from a point in the Florida Everglades around the east side of Lake Okechobee to the town of Okechobee City. Connors bought 3,000 of the 3,500 lots of the original Okechobee City development to connect his roadway which will have twenty miles of lake front.

Thru Rich Farm Lands The road passes thru what Connors describes as the greatest land in the world—the Custer apple land—land that grows from 75 to 100 tons of sugar cane to the acre—the most wonderful truck farming territory, according to Mr. Connors.

LOTTIE E. HANN

Lottie E. Hann was born November 2nd, 1873 in the town of West Union, N. Y. and was the daughter of the late George E. and Martha Updyke Brown, and died at her home on North Main Street Andover Saturday morning, November 24th, 1923, of heart failure following an illness of one week, having been a resident of the village of Andover thirty-eight years.

June 2nd 1892 she was united in marriage with Floyd L. Hann of this village. Devoted to her home and family she has ever found her greatest happiness in her affection and service for them. Blessed with an exceptionally happy temperament she had always a smile and a pleasant word for loved ones and friends. No one was more willing to aid the suffering or cheer the despondent.

Of her immediate family she is survived by her husband, the widowed mother, Mrs. Martha Brown, two brothers, Francis F. Brown and Edward E. Brown residents of this village.

Mrs. Hann was an active member of the Methodist Episcopal Church of Andover and loyal to its every interest. She was also a charter member of Andover Rebekah Lodge No. 303, to which she gave the same faithful service that characterized her entire life. For many years a Past Noble Grand of Andover Lodge. She had also served the County Association as District President and as Inside Guardian of New York State Rebekah Assembly.

The local lodge and order at large have met a deep loss in her death. Funeral services were conducted by her pastor, Rev. C. H. Whelan from the M. E. Church, Tuesday afternoon, followed by the ritualistic services of the Rebekah Order. Andover Lodge, attending in a body. Canton Loyal, No. 43 of Hornell, of which Mr. Hann is a member, and from whom Mrs. Hann had received the degree of Chivalry, the highest honor possible in the order, some years ago, were represented by a body guard in full uniform. The bearers and honorary bearers were also members of the order.

Past State Assembly president and District presidents from Hornell, Al-

"The farmers can grow three crops a year," said the Buffalo man, "and practically produce from \$700 to \$1000 an acre. Several farmers have actually done this. In the past, however, it has been impossible to get transportation. Now the East Coast Railway development in conjunction with the Connors Highway affords an opportunity for anyone to get the products to the market."

"The road forms a connection that Florida people of the east and west have longed for for years. As soon as the road is opened there will be a thousand passenger pleasure cars travel over it every day from the east and a thousand more bound from the west."

The great enterprise first took form when Connors bought 8,000 acres of Florida muck land in the Everglades. Now he is said to be the largest rich land owner in the state. When he got the Everglades tract he conceived it to be the finest potential farm land in the United States. The plan for the great road way came at the suggestion of a small town newspaper publisher who suggested to the Buffalo man that he get from the state a right of eminent domain to build the causeway, just as a railroad would procure such a grant.

How the Connors Highway Was Built.

There was a little adverse criticism when this was first brooded ill, but when the magnitude of the enterprise was realized and its benefits to the state were figured out, the opposition retired and the grant was allowed.

Seven drag lines and four dredges have been at work on the undertaking all summer and 1,000 men have been employed on the job, men in all capacities, carpenters, engineers, iron workers, machinists, cement mixers, mathematical experts, surveyors, and the accompanying necessary clerical staffs.

Connors is publisher of the Buffalo Courier and the Buffalo Enquirer, the two of the leading newspapers in Erie County, New York. His son, recently graduated from Yale, is now in charge of these newspaper properties.

SMITH — JOHNSON

A very pretty wedding was solemnized at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Morgan Smith, at Bennettsville, when their only daughter, Mildred Genevieve Smith, was united in marriage to Albin Edward Johnson of Cooperstown. Father M. L. Yates of the Episcopal Church of Cooperstown performed the ceremony before a large gathering of relatives and friends. The house was tastefully decorated with ferns and autumn leaves. Mr. Earl Johnson, the groom's brother, sang "At Dawn-ing."

Promptly at 8:30 to the strains of Lohengrin, played by Mr. Robert Hyer of Mt. Upton, the bride entered on the arm of her father. She was becomingly gowned in white crepe de chine with pearl trimmings, and wore a little veil on which were arranged orange blossoms, and carried a bouquet of bridal roses.

The bridesmaid, Miss Gladys Jones was attired in orchid crepe de chine with hat to match and carried pink roses. Mr. M. Moon of Cooperstown acted as best man. Following the ceremony a reception was held, after which light refreshments were served. The tables were decorated with pink and white carnations. The newly wedded couple departed for a short wedding trip to Buffalo, after which they will be at home at Cooperstown, where they will reside. The bride is a graduate nurse of the Mary Imogene Bassett Hospital at Cooperstown. The guests from out of town were: Mrs. Nettie Johnson, mother of the groom, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Johnson, Le Roy Gar-shall, Miss Marietta Newell, Supt. of M. I. B. Hospital, Mrs. Alma J. Marnes, Miss Frances Nebb, Miss Clara Benjamin, Miss Christina

DAVID W. CONRATH

David W. Conrath, father of Elmer E. Conrath, Editor of the Buffalo Courier, died Nov. 17 at Indiana, Pa., from a disease of the throat. Mr. Conrath was born at Kittanning, Pa., July 11, 1844.

When less than 18 years of age he enlisted in the Union army as a volunteer and served in Company D of the One Hundred and thirty-fifth Infantry. Deceased is survived by six sons.

Editor Conrath and family have the sympathy of his compatriots in their bereavement.

GOLD DISCOVERED IN SEVEN NEW YORK TOWNS.

That Many Claims Have been Filed With Secretary of State.

Albany, Nov.—Gold is claimed to have been discovered in not less than seven places in New York state this year. At least this number of mining claims has now been filed with the Secretary of State. Hamilton by secret who now dream of fabulous wealth. Not only is gold included in the discoveries, but some of the claims mention platinum and silver. Just how well these claims will eventually pan out remains a question. Geologists assert that gold will never be found in paying quantities in this state because of the composition.

Alleged discoveries of gold this year include a claim filed from Schuyler county; two from St. Lawrence county; another from the mountainous region of Fulton county; one from Herkimer county, a sixth coming from Dutchess and the seventh from Jefferson county. Traces of platinum are said to have been discovered in the town of Edwards, St. Lawrence county; in the town of Ohio, Herkimer county, and in the town of Bleeker, Fulton County.

MRS. ELERY UPDYKE

Elengr Ogena Rogers, wife of Elery V. Updyke was born in Greenwood, Jan. 19, 1857, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew J. Rogers and died Nov. 24, 1923 at her farm home two miles East of this village, on the Greenwood road.

Besides her husband, four sisters survive, Mrs. Sarah Murray, of Greenwood, Mrs. Jane Updyke of Independence, Mrs. Irene Updyke and Mrs. Myrtle Kemp of Andover.

Funeral services were conducted at the home Monday by a former pastor of the church at Greenwood, now a resident of Syracuse. Interment was made in Hillside cemetery.

Bits of ground pine or evergreen tucked under the bright ribbon of the Christmas package give the same festive touch as the scarcer and more expensive holly.

Jensen, Miss Lolita France, Miss Emma Smith, Miss Marian Peaslee, Miss Edna Thompson, Miss Frances Phillips and Mrs. Clarence Everson of Cooperstown, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Morgan and daughter, Helen, Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Morgan of Afton, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Smith, Mr. and Mrs. George Myers of Otisgo and Mrs. and Mrs. Charles Nellin and daughter, Lucille of Sidney.

Mrs. Johnson was a former graduate in Andover High School and will receive the best wishes from a large circle of friends in this vicinity.

Look! Look! Look! Our \$1.00 Special

- 2 lbs. Excellent Cocoa
- 2 lbs. Excellent Macaroni
- 1 Large Can Excellent Corn
- 1 Large Can Excellent Pork & Beans
- 1 Large Can Excellent Pink Salmon
- 1 Small Can Excellent Tomatoes
- 3 Cakes Barax Soap

ALL FOR \$1.00

A BARGAIN

MRS. C. W. WILLIAMS

THE ANDOVER POST-OFFICE WILL BE MOVED

Government Signs Contract With Baker Brothers on Greenwood Street.

Word was received Monday morning that the United States Postoffice had accepted the bid of Baker Brothers, to furnish Andover with a postoffice building the next ten years.

As soon, therefore, as the building can be put in shape the postoffice will be moved to the Baker Brothers' building on Greenwood Street.

In order to make the building fit for the use of the government, extensive repairs and re-arranging will have to be done and it will take several weeks time to accomplish the repairs so the office will not be moved for several weeks.

Baker Brothers have already started to put the building in shape. They will put in a new front, paper and sheet the interior and put on a fine steel ceiling. The contract calls for use of the east side of the building only.

The contract with the government includes the furnishing and equipment for the postoffice, and the lights and heat.

Two other bids were sent in for the postoffice. One by the owners of the Vars block in which the office is now located and one by the Masonic lodge.

Evidently the bid submitted by Baker Brothers was the most satisfactory to the government.

WILL HOLD MASONIC DISTRICT MEETING AT FRIENDSHIP

Justice Townsend Scudder to Speak. To Organize District Council.

Justice Townsend Scudder, Past Grand Master of Masons, and Mr. Sidney Morse, Executive Secretary of the Bureau of Social and Educational Service, of this Grand Lodge Jurisdiction, will attend and address a district meeting, to be held at Friendship, Friday, December 7th.

A meeting will be held in the afternoon, in the Masonic rooms, when Mr. Morse will fully explain the aims of this Bureau. A District Council will be organized, that we may have co-operative effort in carrying on the work.

Judge Scudder will speak to the brethren that evening at the High School Auditorium, at 8 o'clock. Those who have had the pleasure of hearing Judge Scudder speak at Grand Lodge meetings, will make every effort to inform other brethren, that they too may hear this great leader in Masonry.

A large attendance is expected from all the lodges in the district. JAMES T. COSTIGAN, D. D. G. M.

FAY E. BOYD, Master, Andover Lodge No. 558.

K. O. T. M. MEETING

Annual meeting of Mutual Tent No. 18, K. O. T. M., will be held at Macabee Hall Thursday evening December 13.

All members are expected. Refreshments. Ralph Burgett.