

## THE ANDOVER NEWS

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## THE NEW YEAR

THE New Year, with all of its imaginary problems, is upon us.

What we do in the next twelve months depends entirely upon our own individual initiative.

Although individual initiative is essential, no individual is going to accomplish the desired results without the co-operation of everyone.

Here in Andover, it will be necessary, if success is written across 1924, for every citizen to join in one long, steady pull.

Nothing of value will develop from joint community effort when there are petty jealousies. The problems themselves are sufficient to occupy the minds of the best citizens, free of any bickering or quibbling.

Co-operative effort is the only thing that will make our town a better place. Co-operation means working together for the common good and placing it before private ambitions.

Results will come only when every class of citizen enters into the spirit of community betterment.

This does not mean that business men alone can pull us out into larger fields. It does not mean that the professional men or the farmers can do it unaided.

Overcoming the obstacles that 1924 is bound to offer will be possible only by a united pull.

So it's up to every loyal citizen to pull his level best.

## DOES WICKEDNESS PAY?

IN EVERY community there are men who live extravagantly, drive expensive cars, live in fashionable and attractive houses and give every evidence of rolling in wealth, but they are judged by their neighbors to be shady in their manner of gaining a living.

This raises the question in the mind of the average person—does wickedness pay? Do the wicked really prosper?

In the reasoning of some honest people, it may seem so, but in the long run, sales of bonds and wallets of wealth do not represent happiness. The possession of earthly riches may seem to indicate that the owner is happy, more than mere ownership of goods is required.

The rewards that this life offers are not measured by a bank account or the size of a safety deposit vault. They come in the smiles of the neighbors, the hearty handshake of a friend, the compliment for a task well performed and the realization that you are a respected member of the community in which you live.

Riches, here today, may be gone tomorrow. Such is the fickle way of fortune, but friends and a reputation in the community for being a good citizen are built upon foundations of stone that time can not wash away.

## DRUNKEN DRIVERS

DRUNKENNESS is bad enough under any circumstances.

But drunken automobile drivers should never be tolerated.

Drunkenness that can harm no one but the man himself is one thing and drunkenness that is a menace to all who use the streets and roads is wholly another thing.

That is a problem that we do not often confront here, but it is one to be considered and one which should be dealt with summarily by officials charged with the responsibility of upholding the law.

Sentiment against drunken automobile drivers, who are nothing short of potential murderers, is rapidly growing and it needs to flourish in order that lives may be saved.

People are beginning to regard the man who drives an automobile while under the influence of intoxicants, as a dangerous enemy of society and one who should not be tolerated. There is no other view that may be taken of him.

Maniacs are as dangerous as a mania freed on the streets of any community with a loaded revolver in his hand.

Maniacs are not allowed on the streets under any conditions; yet men who make of themselves maniacs for the time being become even more dangerous when they get behind the wheel of an automobile.

The time has passed when they should be permitted to escape with a light fine or a small jail sentence. Because they are fortunate enough to escape killing anyone does not make the offense against law any order any less.

This type of criminal must be dealt with harshly, just as the law intends the man who makes and sells liquor should be dealt with.

## EVERYBODY'S BUSINESS

WHAT'S everybody's business is nobody's business.

That has been the rule of life ever since the well known Heck was a pup.

And as long as everybody pays no attention to nobody's business and nobody pays attention to everybody's business, there will continue to be high tax rates, inefficiency in government and all of the lesser attendant evils.

The fellow who kicks the loudest about the way things are being run is always the last to volunteer to help or even offer a constructive suggestion.

Then there is the type of citizen who is so engrossed with his own affairs—which consists of the gentle art of making money—that he never has time to think of his own community or the welfare of others.

Other types we see daily, engaged in this or that hobby, wholly oblivious to what is going on about

them. They never give a thought to the betterment of things about them. The beginning of the new year is a time for being optimistic. If there is any trace of pessimism left in our systems, we should throw it off before stepping on the 1924 platform.

While we are turning over our new leaves, we should all resolve to make the new year better by devoting a little less time to our own affairs and a little more in the service of others.

The public good deserves consideration from every individual. Let's make a resolution to reserve a little time for that duty during the new year and never refuse when we are called upon to do something that we don't have to do, but which will be for the betterment of the whole community.

## THE PEOPLE ARE TO BLAME

RESPONSIBILITY for high taxes was placed squarely upon the people by a writer in a current publication.

This is a fact that has long been recognized by students of taxation, but one which too many taxpayers are not willing to admit.

The great trouble with so many who pay the taxes is that they regard them as a penalty. They take the attitude that they are being penalized for living.

Anyone who has ever made even the most superficial study of the question knows that the taxpayer himself can control the situation. He will join forces with others of like opinion.

After all, taxes are the cheapest thing on the market in this day of high prices. In most communities, approximately three-fourths of the money expended from the public coffers is for roads and schools.

It's about time that the people who do most of the complaining should take stock of what they are receiving in return for the taxes they pay.

We wonder if the average man send his son or daughter to college for one-tenth of what he pays in taxes for the support of the schools in the taxing unit where he lives. How many had ever stopped to think of this?

We wonder if Mr. Average Citizen could go out and build himself a system of roads such as we have today for joy-riding and business, with the money he pays for new roads and for the maintenance of the old ones.

True there may be cases of incompetency in office and unwise expenditure of public funds, but in the long run, taxes are about what the taxpayers make them.

## BOTH ARE BEST

TWO men were once asked what financial investment paid them the best dividends.

One, without hesitation, stated that the most profitable investment he had ever made was the price he paid for his license to wed.

The other, a single man, with equal promptness insisted that his best investment was the price he paid for his home paper.

Both are right and both are best. But with profound homage to womanhood we yield the palm to the wife whose loyalty and devotion remain with a man to the end of his days.

The man who is happily married is rich beyond comparison. Wealth means everything is secondary to the wife of his heart.

If she is a good woman (and most of them are) she will make a better man of him, for it is impossible for any normal man to live amidst the influence of womanhood without responding in some degree to its attraction.

He even furnishes her the home paper, which she prizes so much. When she has finished her tasks of the day she finds pleasure in reading its columns. It is there she learns of what other women of the community are doing, of how the

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It is thus that the home paper comes into its own.

## L. L. Bullard

## Answers Questions

(Continued From First Page.)

Q. Who is the oldest male resident?

A. William Fulmer.

Q. Who is the oldest female resident?

A. Mrs. Ellen Regan.

Q. Who was the first child born here?

A. Daniel Cole. (Editor's note: Son of Stephen Cole, was born Feb. 1, 1797, being the first white child born in Allegany County.)

Q. Who is the most persistent, own booster?

A. J. Harvey Backus. (Editor's note: The greatest compliment possible to pay any man.)

Q. Who is the most chronic objector?

A. The list is too large, please excuse me.

Q. What have you done for the town?

A. Raised the valuation, and that's all the devil.

L. L. BULLARD.

## MARY ELIZA BURDICK

Mary Eliza Burdick was born November 18, 1848 in the town of Greece, N. Y., daughter of the late Harvey and Nancy Covell Hinchey, and died Friday, December 28, 1923, at the home of her son, Charles Burdick at Elm Valley.

In early womanhood she was united in marriage with Prentice Burdick, whose death occurred March 13, 1916.

Three sons survive. Charles E. Burdick and Jay Burdick of Elm Valley and Curtis H. Burdick of Andover, also a brother, A. A. Hinchey of Elm Valley, two sisters, Mrs. Orange Smith of Andover and Mrs. Simeon Hann of Wellsville.

Mrs. Burdick came to Elm Valley when a child and the greater part of her life has been passed in the pleasant family home at that place. For several years prior to Mr. Burdick's death, they were residents of this village having purchased a residence corner of West Center and First Streets. Deceased was a woman held in high esteem by a large circle of friends. A devoted wife and mother, and a kind neighbor.

For several years she has been in failing health. Her last illness being of five weeks duration.

Mrs. Burdick was a member of the Methodist church.

Funeral services were conducted Monday afternoon, at the residence of her son, Charles E. Burdick. Rev. Royal MacGowan of Andover officiating and interment made in the family plot in Valley Brook Cemetery.

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## MRS. J. S. YOUNG DIES

(From Norwich Sun)

Mrs. Lettie E. Young, 70 years old, wife of J. S. Young, died suddenly early yesterday morning at the family home at 62 Silver Street from heart disease. She was a member of the Broad Street Methodist church and of the Eastern Star. She is survived by her husband; one son, Arthur E. Young, of this city; four brothers, E. L. Hann of Norwich, C. E. Hann, B. B. Hann and F. L. Hann, all of Andover and a sister, Mrs. Thomas Swain, also of Andover. The funeral was held at 2 o'clock Monday at 62 Silver Street, the Rev. L. D. Palmer of the Broad Street church officiating. Burial will be in Mount Hope.

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Allison Baker

## MANAGER COLLEGE PAPER

Clarke Slade of Albany, who attends Union College at Schenectady, N. Y., was a caller at THE NEWS office, Monday. Clarke is business manager for the college paper, the Concordensis. This is his senior year. He anticipates teaching at the close of his college work.—Whitesville News.

Mrs. Slade is the son of Mrs. Carrie Clarke Slade and has many acquaintances in Andover who will be pleased to learn of his college work.—Whitesville News.

## WILSON-BELL

Announcement has been made in Andover of the marriage at Seneca Falls, Dec. 29th, 1923 of Mary R. Wilson and Robert L. Bell of Syracuse. Mrs. Bell was formerly Miss Mary Richardson of Andover. Mr. and Mrs. Bell will reside in Syracuse.

Auto bandits tied a motorist to the wheel of his machine. He told a fellow who could get away from an automobile deserved to live.

Yours very truly,

J. D. Cheesman

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Tax-free securities are about the only free thing left in this country.

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## REVIVAL TALKS

Thursday evenings for two months the pastors of the Methodist and Presbyterian Churches will talk on the revival needs of Andover. Here's the list of subjects:

Indifference, Cause and Effect.

The Needed Revival.

Is Sin Obsolete?

The Call to a New Birth.

Why Not Try Christianity?

How Shall we Cultivate and Express the Best Faith?

Why Many Christians Fail.

What is True Religion?

If you have a hope that Andover may be roused from her sleep about things religious, come and boost these meetings. Follow the bell and the crowd! Union meeting for January in Methodist church; for February in the Presbyterian church.

Other interesting and helpful sermons—at the regular Sunday meetings in both churches.

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