WANDERING with "WILLIE"

GUESS we were not the only ones to be left sitting on the East Valley road during the Christmas holiday, according to the letter sent us this week from one of the irate taxpayers up in them thar hills. Sorry we didn't seed you, pal, if we had we'd a' flang out our hand and wove at ya. Anyhow, the letter we got, under the caption "And there I sat, like a bird in the wilderness" follows:

Dear "Willie":

Not that I doubted you for one minute—I too had tried to travel the East Valley road. However, now, in the true sense of the word, I can sympathize, for I too "just got back."

We started out to view the wind damage done to our barn located atop one of the young mountains surrounding our fair village and, you guessed it, got stuck, right on our axels. Well there we were, just the happy little family, wheels spinning in all directions and most unkind thoughts of certain persons sizzling in our minds.

To shorten the lurid details to a few lucid facts, friend husband had to leave us there to seek assistance. Thus I can state first hand that I have experienced something which no mother of two—or more, or less—should miss. We sat there for nearly two hours, hoping our gas would hold out to keep us warm; rain drenching down, darkness thickening fast, roads an icy glare, and worry becoming stronger each passing minute that help must have gone over the bank which definitely needs a guard rail. On top of all this, childish tummies said the hour was suppertime, and they were hungry. We waited and waited, thinking after all we'd have to bail out and go to the help of the help.

Now I want to clear up one point. You see this so-called road is, we know, one of the better roads of Andover. In the first place, it was not attacked last season by the deluge of very fine fill, and secondly it was pronounced good one day last September when one of the town fathers and grandfather were met taking a joy ride over yon hill and we quote—"That road is in good shape." We wonder now if we misunderstood. Perhaps what they meant was, it's a good road for the shape it's in.

Yes, truly, the roads around Andover are in a despicable condition—back 30 or 40 years in development, and yet though the principal blame goes, of course, to the town board and road builders, I doubt that it can all be laid at their muddy feet.

Anyone, and now I am speaking primarily of voters in general, to whom we talk of the roads—well, they know they must be bad, they've heard so much about them, but no, they haven't actually seen them. (They hate to get their cars so dirty.)

Bad roads—do they really know what bad country roads constitute? Would 93 per cent, a fair figure at random, of the people who live in the village of Andover, know if they saw, for instance, East Valley road tonight, whether it was "bad" or just as good as could be expected of a dirt road? Have they ever traveled them in all seasons, under all weather conditions, and after all kinds of workmen have done their best—or worst—on them? Have they ever driven along a country road in any of the towns adjacent to Andover—take Alfred for instance—just for the fun and education of comparison?

But what do they care, these board members, town fathers, citizens and businessmen of Andover? They all have hard surface or paved roads to travel. The dirty old farmer can wallow into town the best way he's able—just so he spends freely once he's there. And he must not dare criticise else he'll be told to go to the cow barn where he belongs.

We could go on further at the risk of adding to your boredom, so we'll end right here. In our humble and worthless opinion we feel it would be much more to the point should the "big bugs" board a car and travel around this locality for a sightseeing trip, then return home and DO SOMETHING about conditions, rather than taking that vacation into New York to view the sights down there.

"A Lowly Taxpayer"

P. S.—Be careful Willie, about going out too far without your compass.

Seal Purchasers Are Thanked

With seal sale receipts to dat totalling $9,600, Mrs. Wayne C. Stout, campaign chairman, this week expressed appreciation to the people of Allegany county for their generous support of the 1949 Christmas seal sale.

"For myself and in the name of the Allegany Health and Tuberculosis Association, I wish to publicly thank the people of Allegany county for this expression of their support of the tuberculosis association and its work," said Mrs. Stout.

"Money contributed during the 1949 Christmas Seal Sale will be used for an expanded program of tuberculosis prevention and control during 1950. The generous support of the Seal Sale is proof that the people of Allegany County are determined to fight tuberculosis to the finish. I wish it were possible for me to thank personally each person who bought Christmas Seals."

Returns are still coming in for 1949 Christmas Seal Sale and it is not too late for county residents to acknowledge Seal letters that might have been overlooked, Mrs. Stout stressed.

Although the Seal Sale officially closed December 25, the work of the Allegany Health and Tuberculosis Association is a year-round project and funds received right now are just as welcome and helpful as if they were received during the holiday season, Mrs. Stout added.

In Allegany County Christmas Seal funds provide the case-finding program of the association, including its X-ray projects, making possible a free chest X-ray for everyone 15 years of age and over, health teaching service through talks, motion pictures, exhibits, and literature; service to the Mt. Morris Tuberculosis hospital; social hygiene, mental hygiene; and cooperation with health and other agencies in carrying on official programs of health service.

Sid Miles Heads New Red Cross Chapter

Sidney Miles of Wellsville was elected the first chairman of the newly formed Allegany County Chapter, American Red Cross, at the group's initial dinner held at the Wellsville Country Club last Thursday evening. Other officers include:

Mrs. Donald Leavens, Rushford, first vice chairman; J. Donald Hausell, Wellsville, second vice chairman; Bert Swales, Fillmore, third vice chairman; Mrs. F. C. Ballard, Rushford, secretary and Charles Engelder, Wellsville, treasurer.

The new Red Cross unit is a consolidation of the former Wellsville and Central Allegany Red Cross Chapters.

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HAPPENINGS of Local Interest

Miss Audrey Baker of Andover, a junior in the music department at Fredonia State Teachers College will appear Thursday night, Jan. 19, as one of the soloists during the 26th Annual Concert series sponsored by the college under the direction of Francis H. Diers.

J. F. Dunning, E. W. Hulbert, Samuel Holland and Jack Cooper of the Bolivar Fire Department have been named general committee for the Southwestern Firemen's Convention to be held in Bolivar August 2, 3, and 4.

Clyde Kemp has moved his jewelry store from the Rogers building to the Hotel Block, occupying the former B. F. Goodrich site. Mr. and Mrs. Kemp will reside in the rear of the store as soon as it has been remodeled.—Belmont Dispatch.

James Evans has been appointed acting police justice for the Village of Alfred due to the illness of Justice William H. Bassett.

Edgar D. VanHorn was reelected president of the Alfred Mutual Savings and Loan Association at the annual meeting of the association.

Frederick S. (Fritz) Buck of Wellsville has been appointed executive associate of W. H. Cane, president and general manager of the Yonkers Raceway.

The W. S. C. S. of the Methodist church will meet Wednesday evening, January 25, at the church. Supper at 6:30.

Mrs. James Guinn was pleasantly surprised by a company of friends and neighbors Sunday evening in honor of her birthday. Cards were enjoyed, refreshments served and Mrs. Guinn presented gifts in remembrance of the occasion.

A small quanity of maple sugar was made Monday by Gailard Perkins at his farm in West Clarksville. Some nine barrels of sap was gathered during last week's warm spell.

The Andover Exchange Club, the Andover American Legion and the Andover Chamber of Commerce are sponsoring three local scouts to the National Jamboree to be held at Valley Forge June 30 to July 6.

A new Cornell bulletin, E-780 on "New York Fertilizer Recommendations" is available free to New York farmers who write to the Mailing Room, Roberts Hall, Ithaca, N. Y.

Dr. W. L. Greene Gives Library to Alfred

Alfred, N. Y.—Dr. Walter L. Greene of Andover has given his library of 1,500 volumes on church history and religious education to the School of Theology at Alfred University.

In announcing the gift, the Rev. A. J. C. Bond, dean of the school, said that the collection would be housed in a new seminar room in the Gothic, the school's classroom and library building.

Dr. Greene, a graduate of Alfred in 1902, taught part-time at the school for 33 years and served as pastor of the Andover-Independence Seventh Day Baptist Church for several years until his retirement ten years ago. He was given an honorary doctor of divinity degree by Alfred in 1933.

Among the many offices he has held were director of religious education for the Seventh Day Baptist School Board, general secretary of the Allegany County Bible School Association, and as a member of the executive committee of the New York State Council of Churches and Religious Education.

Woman's Relief Corps

Edward Seaman Woman's Relief Corps, No. 155

Regular meeting of Edward Seaman Relief Corps, Jan. 20 at 2 o'clock, at the Grange Hall. The birthday dinner will be served at noon. Each one attending is asked to pay 35 cents for their dinner.

The Corps has purchased a wheel chair, which is being kept at Mrs. Carl Tracy's. Anyone in the community is welcome to use it free of charge.

Thirty attended the silver tea at Mrs. Floyde Lever's. Mrs. Pearl Joyce and Mrs. Ada Tracy poured. Mrs. Baldwin, Mrs. Jenks, and Miss Mary White of Wellsville were present.

Mrs. Gertrude Slocum is the patriotic instructor. This name was mentioned wrong last week.

Independence Scouts to Hold Box Social

The Independence Boy Scouts of America, Troop 78 are sponsoring a box social at the parish house Saturday, January 21 at 7:30 p. m., to which the public is invited. The ladies are to bring the boxes and the men the cash and the appetite.

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We have Colliers, Life, Saturday Evening Post, McCalls, Ladies' Home Journal, American, Good Housekeeping, Better Homes and Gardens, National Geographic, Time, Popular Science, Reader's Digest and for boys and girls Boys' Life, American Girl, Playmate, Jack & Jill.

In the December 31 issue of Colliers you will find interesting articles about Ezio Pinza, the 57-year-old star of South Pacific; about George Junior, Republic at Freeville, and a "Protest Against the Bowl Games."

Win Bonds in 4-H Contests

Robert Snyder, 17 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Snyder of Elm Valley won a $25 Savings Bond as an award in the Dairy Productions Contest.

Robert owns six head of purebred Holsteins, some of which have made outstanding production records. Bob was county winner and also a blue ribbon state winner in the Dairy Demonstration Contest held last year. He demonstrated "Remodeling Your Dairy Barn." He is now attending Cornell University, taking the Agricultural course.

Lewis Watson, 16 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Watson of Belmont was the winner of a $50 Savings Bond in the National Soil Conservation Awards Program.

Lewis has been active in assisting with the establishment of soil conservation practices on the home farm. He has applied for admission next year in Cornell University's Pre-veterinarian course.

Don't forget to do your bit in the March of Dimes drive.

Births

Jan. 5: To Mr. and Mrs. Lorenz Marsh of Friendship a son.

Jan. 6: To Mr. and Mrs. Leland Veley of Friendship a son.

Jan. 7: To Mr. and Mrs. Harold Burt of Black Creek, a son.

Jan. 8: To Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Allen of West Clarksville a daughter.

Jan. 10: To Mr. and Mrs. LaVerne Gardner of Belfast a daughter.

Jan. 9: To Mr. and Mrs. James Schultz of Alfred Station a son.

Jan. 11: To Mr. and Mrs. George Scott of Belmont a son.

Jan. 12: To Mr. and Mrs. Richard Neely of Wellsville a daughter.

Jan. 15: To Mr. and Mrs. James Searle of Wellsville a daughter.

Jan. 15: To Mr. and Mrs. Richard Brunell of Wellsville a daughter.

Jan. 17: To Mr. and Mrs. Leon Reynolds of Scio, a daughter.

Jan. 18: To Mr. and Mrs. Robert Miller of Angelica, a daughter.

Jan. 18: To Mr. and Mrs. Robert McCarn of Genesee, a daughter.

Marriages

Jan. 4: Miss Joan M. Rathbun of Wellsville and Pvt. E. Sherman Guinnip of Scio.

Jan. 7: Miss Anna Geffers of Wellsville and Lewis Jackson of Bradford.

Deaths

Mrs. Edward Bunk, 21, of Black Creek, Jan. 4. Her husband, an infant son, her mother, two sisters and three brothers survive. She died from injuries received in falling from a horse.

Miss Catherine Murphy, 76, of Cuba, Jan. 5. Two sisters and a brother survive.

Mrs. Effie Hall Wood, 76, of Wellsville, Jan. 15. Two brothers and three step-daughters survive.

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