

Plenty Of Words — But Where Is The Action?

An Editorial

On April 15, 1964, a Commemorative Luncheon was held at Alfred University — Celebrating — "the new power connection between the systems of New York State Electric & Gas Corp., and Niagara Mohawk Power Corp., as a step forward for the growing Alfred-Andover area."

"The connection of the two systems will provide better service to the communities served by both utilities. Temporary failures, such as those caused by severe storms, can be isolated, insuring prompt restoration of service to the small area affected."

— So read the program for the Commemorative Luncheon, with the above statements in quotes excerpted from it.

Then on page 9 of the "Evening Tribune", Hornell, N. Y., dated Thursday, April 16, 1964, under the Headline: "Alfred University Honors Executives of Two Concerns" appeared the following statement and we quote: "A major feature of the substation is the interconnection it provides which will enable each company to serve as a reserve source of power in case severe storms cause temporary failure on lines of the other firm."

Later on in the News Release in referring to Joseph M. Bell, Jr., President of New York State Electric and Gas Corp., it stated: "Bell said the cost of the \$2,000,000 project is being shared equally by the two firms. He said area growth had outstripped facilities and the project resulted from a joint engineering survey undertaken to see what was needed."

Almost two years ago — after much "fan-fare" — Plenty of Words — Promises Made — Pictures Taken — etc., the "New Power Link between Alfred and Andover was completed."

According to the printed words issued by executives of both companies, temporary failures, such as those caused by severe storms, could be isolated, insuring prompt restoration of service to the small area affected.

Yet — in the short span of less than two months — Andover and the Wrentham area have suffered several power failures for periods of two hours and over. In each instance, Alfred also suffered the initial loss of power — but each time, power was restored in just a few minutes.

Now, the \$64 Thousand Dollar question is: "Why isn't the new — \$2 Million Dollar Power Link being used to alleviate the duration of the power shortages as promised?"

We have tried to find out the reason — or reasons from the electric companies involved — and end up with just a brief news release telling where the failure occurred and how long it lasted.

According to Mayor Paul Kilbane, the Village Board has also tried to get an answer to the same questions — and received several different answers, with the latest one blaming the "Union" for not allowing some previous policies to be carried out.

In other words — all of us that believed the promises made by the two power companies — apparently have either been "sold a bill of goods" or else haven't been given some "good straight answers!"

However — what we really need is SERVICE and ACTION — not excuses — and as subscribers to a Public Service Utility we are entitled to it!

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50 YEARS AGO

Jan. 7, 1916

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Mrs. Louise Cronk, 70, died Thursday at the home of Jerome Remington on First Street.

Over 100 couples enjoyed the Canton Ball held at the Auditorium last Thursday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Guy Harder are pleasantly located in their new home on Greenwood Street recently purchased from J. E. Cannon.

Miss Eena Burdick and Paul Canfield Saunders of Alfred were united in marriage Thursday, December 30th.

Mrs. William Dean of South Hill is spending a few days in Dunkirk with her sister, Miss Anna O'Leary.

Mrs. F. M. Vogan of Canton, Ohio is visiting her sister, Mrs. C. R. Crandall of Independence.

Mrs. M. A. Crandall went to Cuba Monday to visit her sister, Mrs. F. E. Warren.

Miss Bertha Whitford of Alfred Station was a week-end guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Livermore.

Lynn Trowbridge and Fred Church returned to Port Jervis Monday where they will again take up their work in the Silk Mills.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Earley and Atty and Mrs. Clayton Earley passed New Year's with their mother at Inavale.

40 YEARS AGO

Jan. 1, 1926

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Margaret Gerwin, 76, died Friday, December 25th at the home of her daughter, Mrs. James Dean. A son and a daughter survive. Funeral services were held Monday with Rev. P. C. Tracy officiating.

A new well was shot on Christmas Day on the Hawkins place on Water St. The property is owned by Mark Kemp, Harry Kemp, Archie Kemp, E. A. Mullen and Elmer Coats.

Miss Elizabeth Hyland, 66, died Friday, December 25th. A sister and a cousin, Mrs. Mary Driscoll survive. Funeral services were held Wednesday with burial in West Union Cemetery.

Cassius Wilcox, 56, died Saturday, December 26th. Three brothers and a sister survive. Interment was in the family plot on Bess Hill.

Mr. and Mrs. John Karcenas are the parents of a son, born Saturday, December 26th.

The Entre Nous Club and their gentlemen friends enjoyed their annual Christmas Tree and Dinner Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Trowbridge.

Frank Halsey has moved from South Hill to Davis Hill this week. Anthony Dougherty of Andover, who will work the Dougherty farm this coming year, now has moved to South Hill.

George F. Dougherty of Caney, Kansas arrived in Andover Monday after twelve years absence, to pass New Year's with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Dougherty.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Moran and son, John of Wellsville were Christmas guests of her mother, Mrs. Ellen Casey.

30 YEARS AGO

Jan. 3, 1936

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Mr. and Mrs. Lee Trowbridge were honored Wednesday evening, January 1st by the local Rebekah Lodge in honor of their 50th wedding anniversary.

Miss Helen Langworthy of Niagara is spending the Holidays with her sister, Mrs. Milford Bassett of Independence.

Miss Sylvia Hardy of New York City returned Saturday after spending the Holidays at the home of her nephew, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Hardy.

Roger Tuttle left last Thursday on a trip to Florida via the Greyhound Bus.

Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Higby, Miss Marion Burgett and Charles Burgett were dinner guests of Mrs.

GREENWOOD NEWS

Grace Young, Reporter

Scout Troop 62 held a Court of Honor in December. Scoutmaster Ed Mullen awarded Badges and Warrants to Troop Officers: Assistant Patrol Leaders, Jim Wallace, Steve Hunt, Larry Burdick and Charles Austin. Patrol Leaders were awarded to Jim Feenaughty, Terry Hunt, Jim McCormick and Gary Burdick. Assistant Senior Patrol Leader to Brad Lewis; Senior Patrol Leader to Skip Mullen. Badges for Junior Assistant Scoutmasters went to Roger York, John McCormick.

Special Warrants were given to Jim Feenaughty for Grubmaster; Brad Lewis for Quartermaster and Charles Feenaughty, as Scribe. Class advancement were given out by Junior Assistant Scoutmaster York to Gary Burdick and Larry Burdick First Class and Bruce Cornell, Second Class. Also McCormick gave Merit Badges to Gary and Larry Burdick. Terry Hunt, Roger York, Jim Feenaughty, Tom Henry and Tom York. Recruiters

Badges were awarded to six boys: Year-round Camper Badges were given to Roger York, Skip Mullen and Ed Mullen for three years and John Murray for two years. Service Stars Pins were given to two boys for one year; three boys for two years; one for three years. Six boys for four years and two boys for five years. Instructor Badges were given to four boys. Tenderfoot investiture was held to invest six new Scouts, John Cheesman, Bill O'Hargan, Steve Moore, Alan Mitchell, Brad Halsey and Terry Waters.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Lounsberry moved in December from their farm at West Greenwood to Elm Valley.

This week Mr. and Mrs. Clair Cornell and family moved from the upper apartment of their home on the Jasper Road to a home near her parents at Elm Valley that they recently purchased.

Mr. and Mrs. Dale Campbell moved last week from the Wiley Campbell farm to the home of the late Jennie Sampson, now owned by Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Cornell.

Specialist 4 Donald Cady received his honorable discharge from the U. S. Army in November after serving two years. He received his basic training at Fort Dix, N. J., and other training at Fort Bliss, Texas. The last 18 months were spent at the Missile Base in Alaska. His wife was with him there and they drove home taking three weeks for the trip. At present they are visiting at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Cady in Greenwood.

Pvt. Frank Barnhart of Fort Dix, N. J., was home for a week-end leave at Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Barnhart.

Dean Higgins, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Bryan Higgins, was taken back to the St. James Mercy Hospital Christmas Sunday with pneumonia. His mother is staying with him. Denise Higgins is visiting her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Wallace.

Yvonne Fuller, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Fuller, returned home Friday from the Bethesda Hospital where she was a patient for a week. She fell from a swing and fractured her left elbow and femur bone. Mrs. Fuller took

Higby's sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Eagleton at Perry, Christmas Day.

Miss Orpha Green has been visiting her sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. Wilmer Atwell at Whitesville for several days.

Clair Greene has returned to Washington, D. C., to resume his studies in the George Washington Medical College, after passing the Christmas Holidays with his parents, Rev. and Mrs. W. L. Greene.

Taken from the Jan. 5, 1906 Files

Mr. and Mrs. George Baker are the parents of a daughter, born Saturday.

Peter Garvin left Sunday for Bartlesville, Indian Territory, where he will join his brother and sister, James Garvin and Mrs. Thomas Harrington.

her daughter to the doctor to have the stitches removed and a cast on.

Maria Murphy, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Murphy entered St. James Mercy Hospital Friday for medical treatment.

Students returning to Alfred University Sunday after the Holidays were: Miss Janet Harkenrider daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Emmett Harkenrider; Barry Quinn, grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Archie Stephens; Gary D. Chaffee, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Chaffee.

Students returning to Alfred Ag-Pech were: Miss Diane Woodward, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ward Woodward; Stanley Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Smith; Harold Warriner, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Warriner; Roger Williamson, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Williamson; Larry Dieterman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Holt; Reed Lowrey, son of Mr. and Mrs. Reed Lowrey, Sr.; Gary Krusen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wyman Krusen; Miss Jayne Krusen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Franklyn Krusen and Miss Shirley Herrick, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harley Herrick.

Students returning to State University College at Geneseo: Miss Phyllis Leonard, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Leonard; Gordon Herrick, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harley Herrick; Miss Sharon Hunt, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Hunt and Miss Irene Sky, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mike Sky.

Susan Edwards, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Edwards returned to State University College at Fredonia; Miss Mary Jo McCormick returned to State University College at Oswego and Sheldon Kernan returned to State University College at Brockport.

Miss Barbara Lampner returned to State University College at Fredonia Friday after the Christmas Holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lampner.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Streeter left Sunday for Raleigh, North Carolina where he is a senior at the University of North Carolina. They returned left Sunday for the Coast Guard Academy at New London, Conn., after spending the Christmas Holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Marion Street-

Lynn Redmond, son of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Redmond returned to Augheny College at Meadville, Pa., Saturday.

Wayne Warriner, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Warriner, Sr., returned to Cornell University at Ithaca Saturday.

Miss Donna Wallace, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Wallace returned to Erie County Technical College at Williamsville Sunday. Donna was soloist at the Methodist Church Sunday.

Miss Linda Bassett, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carol Bassett returned Sunday to Graceland College at Lamoni, Iowa.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Chaffee and sons were hosts Sunday for her family Mrs. John Wallace and Mr. and Mrs. Leo Wallace and family.

Mr. and Mrs. John Hunt and family entertained twenty-five for Christmas dinner. Her sister and family from Buffalo came Friday and were overnight guests.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Ewell and children of Owego were week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Chaffee.

Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Hussey and daughter, Cheryl returned to Roberts Wesleyan College at North Chili Friday after spending two weeks at their home. Cheryl returned to Houghton College Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hoagland and sons were hosts Christmas Eve for the Hoagland family gathering.

Miss Gertrude Webb of Marion, N. Y., was a Holiday visitor at the home of Mrs. J. H. Goodno.

Mr. and Mrs. Francis Druetto were hosts Christmas Day for the family dinner of Mr. and Mrs. Merle Greene including Mr. and Mrs. Roger Shelley and family of Elkland, Pa., Mr. and Mrs. Carl Crittenden and family, Mr. and Mrs. Burdette Greene and daughters and Tommy Greene.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Murray entertained their family Sunday for Christmas dinner, Mr. and Mrs. Dean Kilbourne of Olean; Mr. and

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