LET'S SPRUCE UP OUR "NEW LOOK"

An Editorial

This year we will have two trash pick-up days, according to Village Officials, with Monday, May 16th, and Monday, May 23rd, being officially designated so that local residents will have the opportunity to have everything spruced up for Memorial Day.

This gives you week-end gardeners and handy-men two whole week-ends to clean up your lawn, yard, gardens, and of course clean all that unwanted trash out of the cellar and garage.

Then too, about this time of year, the ladies are doing their own type of cleaning (house), and if the man of the house is a good enough salesman he might persuade her to clean out the attic while he is slaving away in the cellar, yard or garage.

This type of an operation would serve a dual purpose as many times the junk stored in an attic creates a terrific fire hazard. So, with this cleaned out, it would give more storage space for the items that might be cluttering up your clothes closets.

This week Mayor Kilbane has proclaimed the two weeks of May 16th and May 23rd as a Clean-up, Paint-up, Fix-up Campaign program.

Most buildings on Main Street have been painted up or fixed up fairly recently, with several of the old ones having been torn down to make way for the new Market Basket Super-Market. Although most of the eye sores have been removed, we still have one or two left that could stand more face-lifting (or should we say side-lifting) — or even removal.

There are also a few spots and lots on the main approaches to Andover that could stand some major over-haul jobs which would improve the appearance and create a more favorable impression on a visiting motorist passing thru our Village, as well as ourselves

Plans have been made to have the Village Dump cleaned up again before Memorial Day and instructions have been given to see that the signs governing the conditions and regulations for the use of the Dump are fixed up and brought up to date.

Local residents seem to be getting more and more used to using the parking lot at each end of Main Street as well as the Grange parking lot.

If only those few citizens, that still park their cars all day long in the downtown street parking areas in the business section, would use the Village parking lots — it would create quite a few usable places through out the day for those shoppers that are in a hurry and only have one errand or purchase to make. This would undoubtedly help all of the business places to some extent — and according to the old saying — "every little bit helps".

The rest area and picnic area next to the Vars Pond (Pond No. 1) at the North end of Main Street has been fixed up, and despite the fact that someone was seen chopping up the picnic table for firewood, perhaps some other interested citizen will replace it — and then have everyone watch to see that it doesn't happen again!

The Little League Diamond up in the Grove is all fixed up and the surrounding area has been made into an attractive picnic area, with more improvements being made right along by the FFA Boys under the supervision of their Instructor, Frank Russell.

As soon as the weather warms up enough so that there isn't too much danger of a frost, the flower bed in "The Island" will be fixed up by the FFA Boys and the Chamber of Commerce. And of course, we are interested to see how the plants will look in the planters along Main Street that the FFA Boys built to hold the Chrismas Trees this past Holiday Season.

With lots of room for improvement yet, let's not be satisfied to rest on our laurels that have been earned over the past years — but instead — strive to make our Community "The Best Looking Village By a Dam-Site"!

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FROM OUR FILES

50 YEARS AGO

May 5, 1916

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Mrs. A. R. Henderson, 80, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Floyd Slocum Thursday. Seven children survive. Interment was in Hillside Cemetery.

William W. Pingrey has accepted the principalship of the Honeoye High School for the coming year.

Miss Mary Casey of Hornell was a week-end guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Casey of South Hill.

Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Hann of Elm Valley will celebrate their fiftieth wedding anniversary tomorrow (Saturday, May 6th.)

J. C. Lever, W. M. of Andover Lodge No. 558, F. & A. M., accompanied by Rev. V. L Eggleston Past Master, are in attendance at the session of the Grand Lodge in New York City this week

R. C. White is visiting at the home of his son, Merritt White of Knights Creek.

M. T. Garvin of Garvin Brothers is in New York City this week on business.

Allen W. Corwin and family of Wellsville were Sunday guests of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. David Corwin.

Miss Esther Northrup attended the Girls Friendly Convention held in Hornell Tuesday and Wednesday.

Mrs. N. M. Lanphier of Railroad Valley visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Green Monday and Tuesday.

40 YEARS AGO

April 30, 1926

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The Entre Nous Club gave a dinner party at the home of Mrs. H. G. Storner, Tuesday evening, in honor of two of their members, Mrs. R. E. Temple and Mrs. Lynn Trowbridge who are moving from Andover.

Cleon Clarke of Independence is home from Chicago, Illinois.

Mrs. William E. Pease spent from Tuesday until Wednesday at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Updyke of Andover.

Miss Rena Lewis of Young Hickory, has been visiting her sister, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Baker of West Greenwood for a few days.

Miss Lena E. Updyke and Norman P. Joyce, both of Andover were united in marriage Wednesday, April 23rd by Rev. P. C. Tracy.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Childs spent the week-end in Batavia, the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Estes Stevens.

Mrs. W. C. Groves arrived Thursday from Polo Alto, Colo., to make her home with Mrs. Bessie Babcock.

Mrs. John Guinn was a guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Richardson of Hornell the last of the week.

Mrs. Myra Gardner and daughter, Mary, spent Saturday and Sunday visiting at the home of her brothers, Joseph and William Baker of Five Corners.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Stebbins spent Saturday and Sunday guests of her brother, Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Hazzard of Geneseo.

30 YEARS AGO

May 1, 1936

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The Andover Fire Department held a jubilee dinner at the IOOF Hall last Thursday evening to celebrate the last payment on their new foamite pumper.

Jesse F. Hunt, 73, a life-long resident of Andover, died Sunday, April 26th. His wife and a son, Lawrence survive. Interment was in Hillside Cemetery.

J. N. Wentworth took possession of the draying business, formerly owned by Lyle Mulconery, on Monday.

Loren E. Howland, 75, of Elm Valley, died Wednesday, April 22. A son, Harold survives.

Mrs. Howard Post, Grand View Farms, has been awarded a certificate of recipe endorsement by Better Homes & Gardens for her recipe, "Fruit Cake a la mode".

Red's Racetrack Rambles

Hello again — all you racing fans! Yep, the local racing season is off to at least a partial start ennahow! But, from our own stand-point or view—it was a darn cold start.

Holland's races were scheduled to start on April 30th—but got rained off that week.

Perry Raceway did manage to get their races in on May 1st, and according to our Buddy, "Dick" Wittie—Ye Olde Roving Photographer—they had a beautiful crowd, but the weather was a little chilly.

Whether it was the weather—the fresh air—or a virus bug, at any rate "Dick" ended up in the hospital with pneumonia and was out of action this past week-end.

Thus, we journed up to North Collins Friday night to cover the races for our old pal—and do you know what? We think he had the best of it! There he was in a nice warm bed—pretty nurses (better ask him about that), at least some one to wait on him—and there we were out in the infield freezing our but, anyway the track was in good shape and the races went off like clockwork—so we didn't get too stiff.

One innovation that they have rigged up there this year—the starter is located up in a tower over the track—like at the big-time tracks. This certainly makes it safer for the starter and probably cuts down on the insurance rates for the track—however from a rather nostalgic point of view, we think that it takes a little of the color away from the racing picture. Especially when the cars get to crashing into the fence near the starter and he has to take evasive action—like "Whitey" has done several times in the past. (We can even remember when the starters stand was taken right out from underneath him over at Angelica one time.)

We don't know what the seating capacity is there—but it seemed to be adequate so that all that is needed now is a little warm weather.

Saturday night we were all set to go to Holland—with our insulated underwear and all—when we received word that the races had been called off because of rain and cold weather. Maybe this was a little disheartening to the real dyed-in-the-wool racing fans — but it sure made common sense to us.

Sunday, despite the fact that it was rainy around here, the weather was fairly clear over at the Perry Raceway so the races were able to be held as scheduled.

There was a good sized crowd, many armed with blankets, sweaters, etc., and there was a goodly number of cars in the claimer class. However, the B's and the Modern class was rather small since some of the new cars aren't quite ready to run.

The boys had No. 55, Eddy Anchor's car, a new '66 plymouth with a 426 cu. in. "Hemmie" all set to go—but somewhere along the line (maybe the oil line) something went wrong. At any rate, Eddy had it all wound up in one of the heats and was really moving out—when something let loose—and the familiar blue smoke came pouring out which usually signifies a blown engine.

We checked during intermission and sure enough—some of the boys in the pit crew already had the pan dropped—and there was a basket of parts—of twisted and torn metal. One of the mechanics felt that the No. 1 and No. 2 rods were starved for oil which could have caused the calamity—but at any rate, there was at least $1,600 down the drain (the cost of a crated engine of this type), plus many long hours of labor.

In the claimer cars, the feature race was highlighted by a spectacular two-car crash between the No. 1 and No. 2 turns which saw both cars go flying up in to the air and then ending up—upside down. Fortunately neither driver appeared to be injured—although one of the drivers was heard to remark: "and to think that I spent all winter for this". Come to think of it, it would be pretty disheartning to spend all winter building a car up—and then totalling it in just a few minutes of running!

In the "B" modified class, the boys put on a good show, although Jack Gentner, No. 98, jumped out to an early lead and was never headed. Art Clark, No. 7, runner-up, finally worked his way up thru the pack but was unable to close the gap that Gentner had built up in the early part of the race. According to track officials, a new track record was set for this feature—although we don't recall the exact time that was recorded.

The New Car Feature was a thriller with Pete Tingue, No. 22, driving his '66 Olds Tornado, jumping out to an early lead and managing to hold it for the first part of the race until Art Clark, No. 7, finally managed to dive under him on the No. 4 turn and went on to win with Pete ending up in the No. 2 slot. Dick Flaig, No. 33, got clobbered in the driver's side on the No. 4 turn but was able to finish the race as soon as he got his car straightened around.

For a brief re-cap of the racing results: In the Claimer car class—Bill Tingue, No. 26X took the 1st heat; LaVerne Pangrazio, No. 311, the 2nd heat; Ed Mooney, No. 92, the 3rd; and in the feature, Bill Tingue, No. 26X, came in 1st; Herb Layfield, No. 48, 2nd; Eddie Faye, No. 16X, 3rd; and LaVerne Pangrazio, No. 311, 4th.

In the super-modified class — Art Clark, No. 7, took the 1st heat; Bill Torrise, No. 65, the 2nd heat; and in the feature, Jack Gentner, No. 98, was 1st; Art Clark, No. 7, 2nd; Bill Torrise, No. 65, 3rd; and Stroker McGurk, No. 18, 4th.

In the New Car Class — Ed Almeter, No. 14, took the 1st heat; Art Clark, No. 7, the 2nd heat; and in the feature, Art Clark, No. 7, came in 1st; Pete Tingue, No. 22, 2nd; Cliff Norton, No. 45, 3rd; and Ed Almeter, No. 14, 4th.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Smith of Wellsville have moved into the Stephens house on Rochambeau Ave.

Fire destroyed the farm home of Perry Erskins on Call Hill Sunday morning.

Mrs. John Joyce and Miss Edna Barrett are guests of relatives in Buffalo this week. They also attended the wedding of Mrs. Joyce's nephew, Robert Barrett to Miss Agnes Kelley on Wednesday.

A farewell party was held for Mr. and Mrs. Frank Northrup and family at the West Greenwood Grange Hall following their regular meeting Wednesday evening. Mr. and Mrs. Northrup are moving from the Swarts farm to a place near Greenwood.

Lobellia, impatiens, and bedding begonias are excellent plants for shaded gardens.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Andover, N. Y.

Dear Editors,

I am enclosing a check for $7 payment until February, 1967, I let this slide as I knew we were expecting a wedding in our family.

This did take place on April 30, 1966 in the Calvary Presbyterian Church, Alexandria, Virginia. Mrs. Ruth Walton Reynolds was married to Mr. [illegible] of Arlington, Va. [illegible] an aviation mechanic [illegible] first marriage [illegible] Her [illegible] was a captain at [illegible] also of Lawrence County of Andover and a nephew of Mrs. George McAndrew. He left a brother, Ray Gerwin of Kalamazoo, Michigan besides his widow, two [illegible] and eight grandchildren. It is a coincidence, but I think my Dad, Edwin French Earley passed away on April 3rd, 1939.

Very sincerely
Marguerite Walton