

## JUST HOW LONG — IS LONG ENOUGH?

An Editorial

Just how long are the Residents and Taxpayers of Andover going to have to wait before we have adequate police protection again?

What action, if any, is being taken by the Mayor and other members of the Village Board to solve this problem that is of their own making?

How much has been accomplished in re-writing and bringing the outdated Village Ordinances up-to-date since the Village Board re-organization meeting last Spring?

What is the reason for all the apparent secrecy involving at least 2 of the candidates that, according to reports, "tried the job out for size". Why wouldn't they accept the job after looking it over?

Where are all the rest of the candidates for the Police Job that were supposed "to come a dime-a-dozen"?

Here six months have passed since the present Village Board accepted the resignation of our former acting Chief of Police. At that time, according to our memory, securing a new Police Officer and re-writing the Village Ordinances were supposed to have Top Priority.

Isn't 6 months just about long enough? Or, judging from what has been happening in and around Andover lately, isn't it possibly — TOO LONG?

Or, haven't you heard of some of the "capers" that have been cut in Andover during the last week or two?

We know that a week ago Monday night, a business place on Main St., was broken into and entered and burglary, 3rd degree, committed. Also, despite the veil of secrecy, we understand that about that time or shortly afterwards — the Village Garage was

broken into, which would come under the heading of burglary, 3rd degree along with petty larceny — or grand larceny, depending on the value of the items taken. We also have been told that another business place along Main St., found that an attempt at breaking and entering had been made via a back door.

We have also been informed about the near-rumble that occurred Saturday night in the vicinity of the corner of Main St., and Greenwood St., when a reportedly gang of over 50 Andover and Wellsville youths nearly locked horns apparently as an outgrowth from "a blast" that was being held upstairs over the theatre building — under the heading of a farewell party!

At first, when we — as a Village — were without a full-time Police Officer, it was traffic violations and "hot-rodding" that were being committed on our Village Streets.

Now, it has graduated to burglary, public intoxication, and "rowdy-ism"! What will be next? (Yes, we heard about the efforts of a local young man that was willing to make a martyr of himself and demanded to be arrested while apparently "under the influence" — in order to try and wake up the Village Board! According to the version we heard, the only thing it accomplished was to get one of the Board Members out of bed and finally get the young man home — because the acting Police Officer didn't know what to do about it.)

What can our "Village Fathers" be thinking of to hire anyone as an acting Police Officer if he hasn't had proper Police training—or doesn't have the proper "tools of his office" to work with? (This reminds us of the old saw about the dog that was always chasing cars — what would he do with one if he caught it?)

We can't blame anyone for taking a part-time job — when his Employer(s) are fully aware of his qualifications (or lack of them). It seems to us that it is the Employer(s) that would be held responsible if anything serious should happen to him — or as a result of his actions.

Just when is something going to be done to remedy this situation — before it is too late to prevent a tragedy?

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## 50 YEARS AGO

Aug. 25, 1916

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At the organization meeting of the Andover Board of Education, R. A. Pease was re-elected President and Mrs. Mary Warfield, Secretary.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Fanton of Voorhees Hill are the parents of a daughter, born Tuesday, August 22nd.

Mrs. Leon Beach and son, Carlton of Wellville were week-end guests of R. E. Spicer and family of Independence.

Prof. and Mrs. Leon Cook of Worcester, are guests of relatives in town.

Miss Mary Snyder and Mrs. James P. Cannon are enjoying Chautauqua this week.

Mrs. Edith Snyder and daughter, Dorothea, left Thursday for a few weeks stay at Silver Lake.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Bassett started Sunday for a visit with her brother, E. A. Porter at Minneapolis, Minn.

Mr. and Mrs. Leon Bloss and family are enjoying a vacation with her brother, and family Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Bronner at Mohawk, N. Y.

Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Richardson and little child of Fort Worth, Texas are visiting Mrs. Eliza Stillman and other Andover relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Joyce and children of Hornell are passing the week-end guests of his mother, Mrs. Rosanna Joyce and other relatives.

## 40 YEARS AGO

Aug. 20, 1926

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Mr. and Mrs. Harland Robinson in company with a party of friends from Mid West, Wyoming are enjoying a motor trip thru Yellowstone National Park and other points of interest in that vicinity.

Henry Gee of Campton, Kentucky is visiting at the home of his sister, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Bennett.

Mrs. Emily Swayne and son, Rogers of Canaseraga are guests at the home of her mother, Mrs. Martha Orvis.

Miss Sylvia Reese, graduate Nurse of Lennox Hill Hospital in New York City, arrived Sunday to spend her vacation at the home of her grandmother, Mrs. Georgianne Hardy.

Pastor W. L. Greene and family returned Monday from a two weeks touring and camping trip thru Central New York to Lake George, thru the Berkshires and the Hudson Valley, also over the "Storm King" highway.

Miss Ruby Hunt, who has been spending some time with her mother, Mrs. Delia Hunt, returned to Washington, D. C. Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Snyder and daughter, Nancy Jane, left by motor for Lake George, for a two weeks vacation, the first of the week.

Miss Relma DeRemer, a student nurse at the Lennox Hill Hospital, New York City, arrived home Sunday to spend some time with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John DeRemer.

Mrs. Will Pardon returned to her home in Buffalo Sunday after a two weeks visit with relatives in Andover, Elmira and Rochester.

## 30 YEARS AGO

Aug. 21, 1936

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Rev. Walter Dynes, 77, former Pastor of Andover Methodist Church, died at the home of his son in Waverly, Saturday, August 15th.

The Thomas M. Lynch Post, American Legion are making plans for their 11th Annual Labor Day Celebration for September 5th, 6th and 7th.

A light frost was reported by early risers in the vicinity of Andover Tuesday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Winifred Jones and family have moved from Barney Street to their new home in Wellville.

About 66 descendants of Hiram Howland, gathered at Island Park,

## Red's Racetrack Rambles

Well, the boys over at Bradford sure have been having their share of bad luck this year. Yep, the Championship races that were scheduled for Thursday night were rained off — and after we drove all the way over there at that! Present plans call for them to be run off this Thursday — and then as we understand that is it for this year.

The weather at Smethport Friday night was much better — and so was the track. We don't know how the boys managed to get the holes filled in on the No. 1 turn — but they did it! And they didn't tear back out either, although by the time that all of the races were over — a few new ones were dug in over between the No. 1 and No. 2 turns.

In the Hooligan Class there were even more cars than usual — in fact, there were so many in the line-up for the feature that they had to be started 3 a-breast — with instructions that the only thing that the race would be stopped for was if the track was completely blocked. However, the race was stopped when one of the cars went off the track between the No. 1 and No. 2 turns — went end-over-end, and then rolled at least 3 times. Fortunately, the car was built up rugged enough so that despite this terrific abuse — the driver was able to walk away — apparently unhurt.

In the sportsman Class, the rules have evidently been thrown out the window, and as a result just about anything goes. As a result of this change, there were quite a few new cars in this class from Stateline so these races were better than ever.

In the Feature, since the newcomers were started at the rear of the pack, the regulars tried their darndest to jump out on an early lead — so that they would at least have a chance to finish in the money. As a result of this, some of the boys poured it on a little too heavy with Herby Layfield being the first casualty. Herby spun (or was spun out) coming out of the number 2 turn and was then clobbered by at least 3 cars. As soon as the traffic went by we saw Herby go tearing into the pits, and since his car was apparently in dunning shape, figured that maybe he had been hurt. As soon as the race was over with, here came Herby across the track from the pits with his arm in a sling — and we were told that his wrist was injured — but whether it was sprained, cracked or broken — only X-Rays would tell the extent of damage done.

In the Late Model Class, here again there were quite a few new cars from Stateline, with "Squirt" Johns back in action after blowing his engine the previous week.

Bud Perkins, No. 57, came out on the track for the 1st heat without any time on his engine that his pit crew had over-hauled it and installed new rings in — and despite the fact that it was still pretty tight — proceeded to really pour the coal on to win the first heat. And from then on — the boys from Stateline took over winning the other heat, "Consy", and Feature.

In fact, "Ron" Blackmer really cleaned house by winning the Feature in the Sportsman Class with his 4Jr., and then came back to win the Modern Feature with his

Wellsville, Sunday, August 16th for their Ninth Annual Reunion.

The Hinchey Reunion was held at the homes of Mr. and Mrs. Jay Burdick and Mr. and Mrs. Carl Burdick in Elm Valley, Saturday, August 15th with 40 in attendance.

Francis Clarke of Independence attended the Exposition at Cleveland, Ohio from Friday until Monday.

Lawrence Hunt of Washington, D. C., arrived Monday for a visit with his mother, Mrs. Carrie Hunt.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Boyd and family of Batavia passed the week-end guests at the home of Miss Mary Snyder.

Mrs. George Stephens of Leona N. J., spent the week-end at the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Bassett.

Mrs. F. L. Hann and sister, Mrs. Grace Robinson and daughter, Doris of Alfred are visiting Miss Edna Caple in Buffalo this week.

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According to what we understand, the boys from Stateline will be coming down with both their sportsman Cars, as well as their Moderns for the rest of the Season — so there should be plenty of action in the future.

For a brief re-cap of the evening's results: In the Hooligan Class — Dave Hallberg, No. 151, won the 1st heat; Don Windsor, No. 96, took the 2nd; and Bill Stockton; No. 3X, the Fire Chief from the Raw Fire Department, won the "Consy". In the Championship 35-Lap Trophy Race, Jack Blessing, No. 6, was 1st; and John Schuetram, No. 12, 2nd.

In the Sportsman Class: Lee Gausman No. 6Jr., won the 1st heat; Ron Blackmer, No. 4Jr., took the 2nd; and Jay Pyle, No. 79, won the "Consy". In the Feature — Ron Blackmer, No. 4Jr., was 1st; Bob Ross, No. 197, 2nd; and Lee Gausman, No. 6Jr., 3rd.

In the Late Model Class: Bud Perkins, No. 57, won the 1st heat; Stan Stevens, No. 1, took the 2nd; and Jim Polara, No. 41, the "Consy". In the Feature — Ron Blackmer, No. 4, was 1st; Eddie Kisko, No. 6, 2nd; Ray Jordan, No. 32 3rd; Willis Dietz, No. 92, 4th; and Stevens No. 1, 5th.

At Mills Saturday night, with open competition Trophy Races in both classes, things were even more lively than usual.

To begin with, was a nice warm balmy evening, with a nice crowd on hand, and several new cars on hand in the pits. This, coupled with two nice trophies up for grabs, seemed to spur the drivers on — with a few of them even acting as if they thought that they were at the controls of a D-S Bulldozer! In fact, these slam bang tactics went on thru all of the Sportsman Class race

with Daryl Dennis, No. 822, hitting and spinning Eddie Faye, No. 15X, out in the No. 4 turn on the last lap of the feature. However, since Eddie was in the No. 2 slot when he was spun out, he was given this spot when the results were posted — thus No. 822 didn't profit any by his driving tactics.

In the Modern Class, Butch Harris, No. 3A, cleaned house by winning both a heat and the feature. The heat win was a sweet victory for Butch as he won out in a really hot battle with Paul Hitek, No. 6%. Just when it happened we don't know, but at any rate, when Paul pulled into the pits after this race, they found that he had a broken axle. And, despite the fact that his pit-crew worked like mad to repair it, we understand that they just couldn't get the broken stub out so they could weld it and put it back together.

In the Feature, Warren Kinney, No. 16, jumped out to an early lead — and looked as if he had the race all sewed up — until he spun out in the No. 2 turn. However, by the time that he was able to get turned around, Butch Harris and several other cars passed him — so the best that he could do was finish in the No. 4 slot. The pit crew put Butch out in front with an apparently comfortable lead — but Basil Shutt, No. 12, finally worked his way up into the No. 2 slot and slowly and relentlessly closed the gap — until he was within a car's length of Butch when they crossed the finish line.

For a brief re-cap of the evening's results: In the Sportsman Class — Harold Jewell, No. 16, won the 1st heat; Keith Wheaton, No. 8, took the 2nd; and Tom Stagg, No. 44, picked up the "Consy". In the Feature — Phil Pipe, No. 71 picked up the Trophy with Eddie Faye, No. 15X, 2nd; Daryl Dennis, No. 822, 3rd; Dick Bunn, No. 69, 4th; and Larry Scouten, No. 1%, 5th.

In the Modern Class — Gary Schultz, No. 27, took the 1st heat; Butch Harris, No. 3A, won the 2nd; and Bill Higby, No. 44, took the "Consy". In the Feature, Butch Harris, No. 3A, walked away with the Trophy; Basil Shutt No. 12, was 2nd; Bill Higby, No. 44, 3rd; Warren Kinney, No. 16, 4th; and Leo Houghtaling, No. 42, 5th.

At Woodhull Sunday afternoon, the weather was overcast most of the time so this cut down on the number of times that the track had to be watered. However, the races were just as torrid as ever with plenty of thrills and action for (Please Turn to Page Three)