

# WELCOME



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St. Pete, Fla.

Dear "Allens"  
About time I paid my "News" subscription. Sure look forward to Mondays and "its" arrival. Watch the "News That's Print to Fit" first.  
Haven't seen Mom and Dad yet. Have been extra busy at work and church duties on Sunday.  
Our weather is cool — yes — today 65 degrees — little too cool for me. Only time I'd like to see snow is Christmas Day — the rest of the time — no thanks.  
Hope your Holidays are extra nice.  
Sincerely  
Marion Theetge

Dec. 16, 1966  
812 7th St  
Zephyrhills, Florida  
33599

Hi Ralph and Jeanie  
We have bought a home in Zephyrhills and our address is listed above. Will you please send our paper to us so we will know what all you nice people of Andover are doing.  
The house we bought was all furnished — not to our liking — but all useable.  
Have a Happy Holiday Season and if you ever come this way please stop and see us.  
Sincerely  
Clifford and Blanche Perry

1043 West New York Avenue  
De Land, Florida 32720  
December 1966

Editors of Andover News  
Salutations for the 1966 Yuletide Season!  
This year instead of waiting until summer, as hot weather is so debilitating for me, I made my yearly trip North during the month of May. I had a splendid visit in Allegheny County, New York and in Arlington, Virginia.  
The three weeks spent in Allegheny County, "ancestor hunting" was most fruitful. I spent a week in Belmont, the County Seat, digging in court house records. Then I spent a week in Andover where I visited old cemeteries, copied records at the Andover News office, copied a complete cemetery record

interest of all you lucky people in Florida — Yep, the Children's Prayers were answered and we had around 8 inches of a "White Christmas" here in Andover While in other parts of the State — like in Cobleskill — they had 21 inches of those "downy white flakes"!  
In fact, the snowfall put such a curb on the Holiday Traffic that we had the lowest death rate in many a year.

And do you know what the weather man is doing to us to night (Wed that is)? He is giving us a good dose of freezing rain with the thermometer going up from 20 degrees when it started — to a present reading of 20 degrees.  
Sorry about that! Since that's what makes the sidewalks glitter — and causes our electric lights to flicker!

loaned to me, and visited old friends and relatives there in Andover and in Whitesville. The third week I visited in Wellsville, and Bolivar. On my return home, via train, I stopped in Arlington, Virginia where I had a delightful visit with my son Richard who lives there.  
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## Ambulance Service Still Available

"Jim" Mulholland today announced that his Ambulance will be available for emergency use during the month of January while negotiations are under way between representatives of the Andover Fire Department and the Village and Town Boards.  
The use of the James B. Mulholland Ambulance will be donated for this period and will be operated as a Volunteer Ambulance Service thru the co-operation of qualified First-Aid Members from the Andover Fire Department.  
Therefore, after the 1st of January, anyone desiring Ambulance Service will have to dial — Andover 478-3100!

## Bloodmobile To Visit Andover On January 9th

The Rochester Regional Bloodmobile will be at Andover Central School from 2 to 6 P. M. on Monday, January 9, 1967.  
Why not make a New Year Resolution to "Save a Life" in 1967, by giving blood at this first bloodmobile visit of the year.  
There is an increasing need for blood because of Viet Nam and increase use of blood in all forms because of research and advances in medicine.  
Plan now to give blood on January 9th. Call Glenn Bronson 478-4611 for an appointment.

## Hospital Notes

Mrs. John Boyer, a patient in the St. James Mercy Hospital, returned to her home Wednesday, December 21st.  
Howard Nichols, a surgical patient in the Bethesda Hospital, returned to his home Friday, December 23rd.  
Mrs. Daniel Perkins, a surgical patient in the Bethesda Hospital, returned to her home Thursday, December 22nd.

## Library News

The following book has been added to the Memorial Books at the Andover Free Library:  
"The American Legion Story", given by Lynch-Burgett Post No. 598 and Legion Auxiliary in memory of Michael Lisoski of Phoenixville, Pa.

## Legion Auxiliary Notice

**PLEASE NOTE — Change In Day**  
The regular meeting of the Lynch-Burgett Post, No. 597 American Legion Auxiliary will be held Wednesday, January 4, 1967 at 8 p. m., at the Legion Home. Lunch Committee is Sara Schrader and Janet Williams.  
The Auxiliary wishes to thank everyone who helped in anyway to make the Hospital Equipment Fund successful.

## Masonic Notice

The Stated Communication of Andover Lodge No. 558 F. & A. M., will be held Monday evening, January 2nd at 8 o'clock. The Officers for the year 1967 will be installed at this meeting. All Master Masons welcome. Refreshments.

## News That's Print To Fit

Well, let's see! With a New Year coming up — guess we'd better take care of some old unfinished business first.

Last week we commended everyone that decorated their homes and business places but didn't have the room to tell about the "red-hot" race between that there Editor Feller and "Dick", the Roving Photographer, in getting the lights on their trees on Main St. (To keep from being last.)

It really turned out to be a dead-heat as far as getting the lights put on the trees — and electricity run outdoors. However, we had to end up borrowing a heavy-duty extension cord from "Dick" in order to get juice from the front of the "News" Office to the tree — so guess he had his tree lit up a few minutes before we did.

Then, after driving around town, we noticed that "Ozzie" had one of the planter boxes out in front of the Hotel — but no tree in it. This seemed rather odd so we made a mental note to inquire about it when we had a spare moment. (The only thing that we could think of at the time was that perhaps he didn't want one there for some reason or other.)

However, around the day before Christmas Eve, we noticed that a tree had been put up — and "Ozzie" was busy putting lights on it — so had to rule that presumption out.

On checking further — we found that evidently someone had goofed in "counting noses", or rather boxes, so that the planting crew wound up with one tree short — and if anyone noticed it — nothing was done to remedy the situation.

Finally, someone's attention was called to the oversight who had the authority to do something about it — and a tree was soon forthcoming. Thus, it wasn't that "Ozzie" was lacking the "Christmas Spirit" — he was just lacking a tree — and the same consideration shown everyone else!

Speaking of oversights reminds us that we have heard by the grape-vine that several local servicemen didn't receive absentee ballots so that they were unable to vote at this past election.

We aren't too familiar with the proper procedure to be followed by servicemen in obtaining absentee ballots — so don't know where the blame lies.

However, we do know that we can't recall receiving any news releases from our local Election Board with instructions for servicemen's ballots — and we do know that several absentee bal-

lots were counted, and recorded, in our election returns recorded in the "News".

Thus, it would appear that in the future, a little more effort should be made by everyone concerned to see that every eligible serviceman gets the necessary information far enough in advance so that he can get his absentee ballot — and vote if he so desires!

We have received several letters during the Holiday Season from out-of-town subscribers who were former residents of Andover and are printing them all at once as we are sure that their friends will be as interested in reading them as we were. Here's hoping that we haven't missed any — and if we have goofed — please let us know so that we can remedy the situation.

Also, along the unfinished business line, seems as if the Village Ordinances had a high priority last Spring on being re-written and brought up-to-date. Let's see now, that's over six months ago isn't it? Do you suppose that the writer (s) have developed "writers' cramp" — or could it be that they are waiting until next Spring — just before election so they can use it as a campaign plank — or is it just such a "hot potato" that no one wants the responsibility of having it "cumped on their plate" without any dressing and gravy?

Then, not to leave the Town Board and Supervisor out of the unfinished business bit, What ever happened to the plans to do something constructive about the dangerous situation that exists as far as the bridge is concerned at the corner of Rochambeau Ave. and North Main St.? Do we have to wait until a child is badly hurt — or killed; or there is a bad accident there — before anything is done?

Let's see — according to our recollection — it must have been around 2 years ago that plans were announced that something was going to be done. As far as we can see — all that has happened is that it has apparently been forgotten!

At first it was suggested to tear the old cement railing down on the West Side so that motorists would have a full view both ways — but that was apparently too simple, expensive, and logical. And besides, that might mar the inspirational view of such a noble structure!

All we can say is, that we would hate to be in a sinking ship — waiting for a group like this to decide the proper method of affecting a rescue! How about it, all you motorists that use this bridge daily?  
Now to current news! For the