

HOW LATE IS — TOO LATE? An Editorial

How LATE IS—TOO LATE, may sound a rather rhetorical question—but Too-Late in one case—may not be "Too Late" in another.

Almost everyone has heard the old saw about "locking the barn door after the horse is stolen". In this case—it is "Too Late". However, if only one horse was stolen—and there are several others in the barn—then it isn't "Too Late" to lock up the barn.

What is all this leading up to? It's leading up to what we feel is a very good question that should be asked by every Taxpayer in the Village of Andover.

Why can't we have a Village Ordinance passed instituting a "Leash Law" so that our "Citizens of Tomorrow", as well as our "Senior Citizens", can walk safely down our Village Sidewalks without having to be afraid of being knocked down, chased, barked at, or annoyed by roaming dogs that are not accompanied by or restrained by their owners?

We realize that dog owners buy licenses for their dogs (or are required to by law anyway)—but does that give them a license to roam the streets and sidewalks? After all—its the PEOPLE that pay the taxes for the operation and maintenance of our Village, its Streets, and Sidewalks—not the DOGS!

Tuesday morning one of our retired "Senior Citizens" was walking along the Village Sidewalk in front of the Post Office when a large Police Dog that was being chased by equally large Collie, ran into him from behind—and hurled the Gentleman to the cement walk. Needless to say, the force of the impact and the fall was so great that he was stunned, and it was necessary to take him to the hospital to determine the extent of his injuries.

Now, we ask YOU. "Who was to blame for this accident"? Certainly not the Taxpayer who was walking down the Village Sidewalk! And we can't rightfully say that it was the dog's fault for bumping into him—because he didn't bite him—he was just running away for self-preservation. Where does the blame lie then?

From our standpoint of view, the logical answer is that the blame should be equally shared by (1) the owners of the dogs for not keeping them at home, (2) the Village Board for not heeding the warnings of Taxpayers, (3) and lastly, the Taxpayers for not seeing to it that then duly elected Board Members passed, or at least tried to pass, a Village Ordinance in the form of a "Leash Law".

We know that our former Police Chief called this dangerous situation to the attention of the Village Board Members on several occasions during his eight years of service on the Police Force. We also know that he asked both the Village Board and the Town Board to share the purchase of a tranquilizer gun so that he could at least enforce the night quarantine on dogs that has been in effect for many years.

We ourselves, on several occasions at Village Board meetings, asked why a Village Ordinance couldn't be passed—and then be put up for approval of the Taxpayers at a Public Hearing. And do you know what we were told? We were told that it was a very ticklish situation—and that it might make some of the dog owners in town mad. Thus it appeared to us as if they were more afraid of losing a few votes—than they were interested in the safety of the children and older citizens on our Village Streets and Sidewalks.

Sure, we know that a few dog owners are apt to scream to high heaven if they have to keep their dogs at home—but how about all the dog lovers that keep their pets at home from their own free will and accord. From the ones that we have talked to, they can't see why dogs should be allowed to roam to deprive citizens of their own rights—or annoy their pets that are tied up in their own backyards.

Don't you think something should be done before its—"TOO LATE"?

WELL LET'S DO IT NOW!

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50 YEARS AGO

June 22, 1917

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Miss Celia D. Riley closed her school on Davis Hill Friday with a picnic and exercises.

Charles G. Purdy, 37, died at his home on West Center Street, Saturday, June 16th. His wife, a son, a daughter, his mother and a brother survive.

Dean Horan returned from Buffalo last Wednesday and is spending the week at his home on South Hill awaiting his call to the training camp.

Dr. George Lynch of New York City made a short visit at the Lynch homestead on South Hill last week.

Mrs. Grey of Endicott, N. Y., was the guest of her sister, Mrs. P. A. Dean and family of South Hill the first of the week.

Mrs. Lizzie Guinn of Andover spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Wahl of Elm Valley.

Wilson Howland is spending some time at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Oliver Downer.

Mrs. Ellen Jack of Hornell was the guest of Valencia Slocum over the week-end.

Mrs. Maude Lee of Dansville is passing the week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Frisbey.

Miss Minnie Clair is visiting at the home of Rev. and Mrs. W. H. Randall of Ripley, N. Y.

Mrs. Sarah Lusk of Penn Yan came Monday to visit her niece Mrs. Hervey Thorne and other relatives.

John Lynch returned Monday from Buffalo where he is attending school for the summer.

Clifford Cleveland left Andover Monday for Ithaca where he is to be employed by the Ithaca Gun Company.

Mrs. Clara Purdy and children went to Olean Thursday with her sister, Mrs. Fosdeck for a few weeks stay.

Miss Mayme Dean of Buffalo is passing a few days at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Dean.

Mrs. Mary Sherwood has returned to her home on Maple Ave. after a visit with her sister in Greenwood.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Joyce and children are passing a few weeks guests of his mother, Mrs. Rosanna Joyce at the Hotel American.

30 YEARS AGO

June 18, 1937

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Dr. Justin Nixon of Rochester was the guest speaker at the 52nd commencement exercises held Tuesday evening. The members of the graduating class were: Clifford V. Howland, Mildred B. Seelye, Robert Lynch, Eva A. Rennells, Frances M. Brundage, and Marjorie Williams.

Mrs. Lillian Warfield Clark was graduated from the University of California with a A.B. degree June 10th, a member of a class of 600.

L. H. Atherton has purchased the General Store at Stannards and has moved his family to that place.

Miss Loretta Harrington of Middletown, N. Y., is now on vacation with her aunt, Mrs. James Dean and family of South Hill.

Miss Eliza King of West Union has been visiting her sister, Mrs. Mary Radcliff and family of West Greenwood.

Miss Anna Laura Crandall, Mrs. R. E. Spicer and Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Clarke and sons of Independence, attended the commencement at Alwood Wednesday. Miss Evelyn Clarke was one of the graduates.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Bliss and son left Tuesday for their new home at Long Beach, California.

The Wallace family reunion was held last Wednesday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Wallace with 150 present.

Mrs. M. P. Flynn and daughter, Gertrude, spent a few days last week in Buffalo, guests of friends and attended the graduation exercises of Conistius College. Daniel Flynn was a member

of this year's graduating class there.

Emery Hann of Norwich, N. Y. is visiting Andover relatives and friends this week.

Mrs. Reva Thompson of Canistota was in attendance at the Alumni Banquet and guest of her mother, Mrs. Ila Clarke this week.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Rogers Crandall left Thursday by motor for Albany and New York City. Their son, Maxson Crandall who has been teaching in South Jersey will return with them.

T. R. Bassett of Albany was visiting Andover and Independence friends and relatives from Tuesday until Thursday.

Harry Joyce and Darwin Lehman came home Friday from Mesena Springs, N. Y., where they have been working in a milk plant.

40 YEARS AGO

June 24, 1927

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Mr. and Mrs. William Rice were honored on their 40th Wedding Anniversary by the members of Andover Rebekah Lodge, Wednesday evening. Mr. and Mrs. Rice will soon leave Andover to make their home in Whitesville.

The following received diplomas at Monday evening's commencement: Hilda Clarke, Ida Mae Howland, Regina Lynch, Raymond Briggs, Richard Burdick, Llwyn Howland, Edwin Kemp, Bruce McGill, Orville Mesler, Cleon Pease, Lester Regar, Kenneth Vars, Maxine Crandall, Beatrice Kruger Jean Millspagh, Clifford Burdick, Leo Fulkerson, Donald Joyce, Clyde Kemp, Francis Mead, Edward Mullen, Farnham Pope, Alan Tuttle and William Woodruff.

Miss Eva Rennells of Tip Top graduated Friday from the Federal Commercial School at Hornell.

Miss Agnes Fisher entertained her pupils from the Five Corners School at her home Friday, to a picnic, taking them to the picture show afterwards, climaxing the school year.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Nye and Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Clarke of Independence are attending the Dairymen's League Annual Meeting at Syracuse this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Wallace of Independence are moving to Whitesville this week, where they are going to operate one of Short's Service Stations.

Gertrude Kupp closed her school on Davis Hill June 10th with a picnic and lots of ice cream. Mrs. George Beebe and granddaughter, Gay Rogers of Andover attended.

E. Claire Greene, who received his M.D. degree from George Washington School last Wednesday, is spending a 10-day vacation with his parents, Rev. and Mrs. W. L. Greene.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank S. Clarke and Miss Teresa Dean are on a motor trip thru Ohio this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Burdick are in Syracuse this week attending the Annual Dairymen's League Meeting.

Mr. and Mrs. A. A. O'Leary of Oklahoma City were greeting Andover relatives and friends over the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. G. P. Wentworth of Canistota, were guests of his brother and family, Mr. and Mrs. James Wentworth over the week end.

Dr. and Mrs. F. G. Crawford of Syracuse were guests of Mrs. E. J. Atwood from Sunday until Tuesday and also attended the Commencement at Alwood Wednesday.

When you buy a used car from a dealer or private individual, you are responsible to see that it passes inspection. You may have the job done before you register it, or get a Certificate of Inspection Extension which will give you 10 days to have the check performed after the vehicle is registered—Department of Motor Vehicles.

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Hello again, all you racing fans! Well what do you know? The weather held out long enough so that the races were able to get all caught up to date—by not having any intermission. But—if they had held an intermission—that bad thunderstorm that hit shortly after the races were over with, would more than likely have rained off the Modern, or at least the Hooligan Feature.

The make-up Modern Feature for June 10th was run off as the 1st event of the evening—and was all over with by the time that we arrived at the track at 3:10 p. m. Basil Shutt, No. 13, was 1st; Bob Gee, No. 260, was 2nd; Gabe Hanes, No. 3, 3rd; Gary Shults, No. 7, was 4th; and Leo Houghtaling, No. 42 was 5th.

In the Feature for the Hooligan Class that was a make-up from the previous week, Karl Ferrin, No. C-6, was 1st; Ken Calkins, No. 7, was 2nd; Henry Huval, No. 555, 3rd; Marty Smith, No. 13, 4th; and Dallas Hand, No. 553, 5th.

As far as the regular evening's racing card was concerned, the drivers in the Sportsman Class really put on the best show by far. Of course to begin with there were a lot more of them—and they acted as if each one wouldn't be satisfied with anything but first place.

In fact, there were around 16 cars in the "Consy", and something like 25 in the Feature. In the Feature, Chuck Wright, No. 66, jumped out to an early lead—and kept pouring it on while many of the other fast cars were battling it out in order to work their way up through the pack. Don Chalmers, No. 218, and Larry Scouten, No. 14, got tangled up with another car on the No. 4 turn and by the time that they got themselves untangled, had lost a lot of precious time so were unable to overtake the big lead that Chuck had built up in the earlier part of the race.

In the Modern Feature, Leo Houghtaling, No. 42, appeared to have most of the bugs worked out of his new car and jumped out to an early lead.

Basil Shutt, No. 13, who had started near the rear of the pack, had just started to work his way up somewhere near Leo when trouble developed with his car and rather than take a chance on ruining his engine, dropped out of the race. Gabe Hanes, No. 3, then finally worked his way up into the No. 2 slot, and by pushing his car to the limit, pretty well closed up the gap by the end of the race but wasn't quite close enough to Leo to be a real threat.

George Hilliard, No. 12, who held the No. 2 slot for many laps in the earlier part of the race before Gabe managed to pass him, held on to the No. 3 slot until the last few laps when Bob Gee, No. 260, finally appeared to "get the feel" of his new car managed to get by him to cross the finish line in the No. 3 slot.

For a brief re-cap of the evening's racing results: In the Hooligan Class—in the 1st heat, No. 808, driver unknown, won the 1st place; Basil Shutt, driving Marty Smith's No. 13, won the 2nd heat; and Karl Ferrin, No. C-6, won the "Consy". In the Feature, Basil Shutt, again driving Marty's No. 13, came in 1st; Henry Duval, No. 555, was 2nd; Ken Calkins No. 7, was 3rd; John Dombroski, No. 78, was 4th; and Bob Loveless, No. 51, was 5th.

In the Sportsman Class—No. V05, won the 1st heat; Larry Eccleston, No. 363, took the 2nd heat; and Bob English, No. 663r, the "Consy". In the Feature, Chuck Wright, No. 66, was 1st; Wesley Rogers, No. V05, was 2nd; Don Chalmers, No. 218, 3rd; Chuck Kennison, No. 9, 4th; and Larry Scouten, No. 14, 5th.

In the Moderns—Leo Houghtaling, No. 42, won the 1st heat; Basil Shutt, No. 13, took the 2nd heat; and Gary Shults, No. 7, won the "Consy". In the Feature Leo Houghtaling, No. 42, was 1st; Gabe Hanes, No. 3, 2nd; Bob Gee, No. 260, was 3rd; George Hilliard, No. 12 4th; and Bill Hall, No. 21, 5th.

Well that's it folks, see you this coming Saturday at the races?

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