

Village Board Member Dies From Accident Injuries

Charles S. Ruger, 67, Village Trustee and resident of Andover since his childhood, died Monday afternoon from injuries sustained in an unusual accident while supervising Village street-sweeping activities earlier that day.

According to a report from Wellsville-based State Police, Mr. Ruger who was co-chairman of the Village Streets Department and Deputy Mayor, was standing in the center of North Main St. near the Street Junction of Rochambeau Ave., directing street cleaning operations when the tragic accident occurred.

Police said that he stopped a local motorist and after concluding the conversation, stepped away from the car directly into the path of the mechanical street-sweeper, operated by Charles J. Leonard, 35, of 96 Stevens St., Wellsville and owned by the Village of Wellsville.

The left front wheel of the sweeper passed over Mr. Ruger's legs, causing compound fractures of the right leg, severe lacerations and contusions, internal injuries and severe shock. The Andover rescue squad ambulance was summoned together with Dr. Alan Folsom and Mr. Ruger was rushed to the Bethesda Community Hospital in North Hornell upon his request.

The unfortunate accident occurred around 10:15 a. m. with the injured man lapsing into shock and passing away at 1:40 p. m. Immediate emergency treatment and care upon his arrival at Bethesda Hospital, since his critical condition had been radioed ahead to the hospital by the Rescue Squad Ambulance.

The street sweeper is owned by the Village of Wellsville and the equipment and the services of the regular operator had been hired by the Village of Andover to speed up the street sweeping program.

Charles S. Ruger was born in Greenwood, Nov. 7, 1906, son of Kirk and Elizabeth Edwards Ruger. He had served on the Village Board since April 1959, and had recently been appointed Deputy Mayor by Mayor Paul Kilbane at the recent Village Board reorganization meeting.

Mr. Ruger had been a self-employed oil products distributor for many years in the Wellsville-Andover-Hornell Area.

He was a member of the Andover Methodist Church, Andover Chamber of Commerce, Andover Rod and Gun Club, and Andover Lodge No. 558, Free and Accepted Masons. He had served as secretary of the Hillside Cemetery Association for the past several years, and was a member of the local Boy Scout Committee.

Surviving are his widow, Cecile Hoard Ruger; a son Stanley C. of Livonia; two grandsons, Rodney and John, both of Livonia; a sister, Ethel Ann-Ruger and a niece, Mrs. Inez Hackett of Buffalo.

Funeral services were conducted at 2 p. m. Thursday afternoon in the James B. Mulholland Funeral Home by the Rev. Gerald A. Wolter, pastor of the Andover Methodist Church, with interment at Hillside Cemetery.

All business places in Andover were closed from 2 to 3 out of respect for the deceased Village Official.

Andover Youth Baseball Assoc. To Meet May 1

The Andover Youth Baseball Association will meet Wednesday evening, May 1st at 8 o'clock at the Andover Central School. All fathers please be present.

Hospital Notes

Kenneth Williams, a medical patient in the Bethesda Hospital, was transferred to St. Mary's Hospital in Rochester today (Thursday).

Mrs. Francis Mead, a surgical patient in the Jones Memorial Hospital, returned to her home Friday.

Harold Perry, a medical patient in the Bethesda Hospital, returned to his home Wednesday.

Mrs. Hazel Callaghan is a patient in the Bethesda Hospital, admitted Tuesday. She is in Room 42.

Mrs. Anna Curtis, a medical patient in the Bethesda Hospital, returned to her home Tuesday.

Wisner Cook, a medical patient in the St. James Mercy Hospital, returned to his home Wednesday.

Rod & Gun Club Holds Meeting At Grange Hall

The regular monthly meeting of the Andover Rod & Gun Club was held April 19, at the Grange Hall with 34 members and guests present.

Sixteen Boy Scouts from the Andover Troop were among the guests of the Club, along with Charles Ruger, Village Trustee, and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Sisson and Kenneth McClure, land owners whose property borders on the streams where stream improvement is being surveyed.

Stephen R. Mooradian, "Fisheries Biologist" for the N. Y. State Conservation Department, was the Guest Speaker and talked on "Stream Improvement". Colored Slides were presented of many areas and different types of improvement which he explained in detail.

Four streams, East Valley, Quigg Hollow, Shovel Hollow, and Indian Creek were discussed and will be surveyed and checked by the Conservation Department who will then make recommendations to the Rod & Gun Club.

"Jim" Jackson announced that Pheasant Chicks for stocking will arrive for distribution on May 27 at Short's Service Station and that the Club must have the brooder houses ready.

It was reported that there were 14 men on hand to help stock the 3,000 brown trout that arrived on April 2, and the Club wishes to thank all present for the fine turn-out and the "good job — well done".

It was announced that the Club plans on sending two local youths to Conservation Camp and that this was made possible by donations from The Citizens Bank, Vars Pharmacy, Joyce Hotel, Karcenas Restaurant and Koehler's Restaurant.

Lunch was served following the meeting by Mrs. James Jackson and Mrs. Harold Rice with everyone enjoying the special baked ham prepared by Chef Carl Monroe. The next meeting will be held at the Club House on May 17th.

News Briefs Of Local Servicemen

John E. Baker, son of Mr. and Mrs. John E. Baker, Maple St., has been promoted to SP4. His address is:

SP4 John E. Baker
US51775389
Co. "B" 2nd Bn. 39th Infantry
APO San Francisco Calif 96371



MEMBERS OF THE JUNIOR PLAY CAST AT WORK! Left to right: Dickie Joyce, Hal Sisson, Joyce Dibble, Diane Leon, Linda Leon, Richard Godown; back row — Tom Dixon, May Howland, Cheryl Pelton, Nadine Weber, Bob Tomm, Libby Ullsh, Bob Brown and Peggy Tuttle. News Photo

News That's Print To Fit

Well Folks, don't say that we didn't warn you — about the weather, that is. Yep, it sure froze pretty good (or should we say pretty bad) last night — and it sure caught our fruit trees with their pretty buds and blossoms hanging out! Looks like another fruit-less year in these here parts of Allegany County doesn't it?

Speaking of our fruit trees getting caught in the cold weather reminds us — of a message that we saw on a Church sign-board recently on Route 15 down below Williamsport that read: — "Have you been Caught Lately?"

Well judging from all of the activity around the Town Hall on Monday night when it becomes a "Justice Court", it sure appears as if a few speeders have been caught lately ennahoon! Then too, with the State Troopers using radar inside the Village on Route 21 (Main St.), it looked as if they were doing a land office business a'so. And, from what we heard, they had some pretty good scratches — like 60 mph in 40 and 30 mph zones.

Perhaps this will slow some of that fast-moving traffic coming into the Village — down just a batch or two.

And, after some of the local "jet" set, "scat" set, or "hot-rod" members (which ever you want to call them) get through paying their fines or fixing up their cars, or wait until they get their licenses back — perhaps there won't be quite as much "burned rubber" around local Streets and Highways.

In fact, we even heard about "one of the boys" that ended up with "a full house", or "even a grand slam"! First he got nailed by our local Police for speeding (for doing something like 75 — or maybe even a 100), and before he even got to meet the Judge — tried to out run a Trooper outside

of Wellsville, and in his haste and poor judgement, tore the transmission out of his car — and was just a sitting duck for the State Trooper that was chasing him. Yep, according to what we heard, he lost his license and paid a fine in Wellsville, had to pay a fine in our local court, and ended up with a car that has to be repaired — before it can be driven again. How about that?

We also understand that WAR has been declared — and that a few more local candidates are on the WANTED list. All it needs is a little co-operation from you citizens that don't like to hear tires screeching, engines roaring, mufflers barking, and the like — just the facts, folks — like: color of car, make of car, or even license number — if any. Let the law know about your information — and the rest will be taken care of. It might take a little while to out-wait them and catch them in the act, but, sooner or later — "time wounds all heels"! And, for that minority that will listen to reason among these offenders — the word is "chill it", "freeze it" — or just plain "cool-it" man — "COOL-IT"! ! !

Well "Jim" just because we didn't get a "special invitation" — or even a reminder about the recent "Rod & Gun Club meeting and thus weren't able to enjoy Chef Carl's speciality — doesn't mean that we forgot about your fishing notice and reminder!

Calling all Fishermen! Calling all Fishermen! (0-16 years of age, that is!) It still isn't too late to enter the fishing contest that is being sponsored by the Andover Rod & Gun Club! The contest does not end until JUNE 1st.

So, o, o, o if you qualify under the age limit — and catch a good-sized fish either in the Andover Ponds or local trout streams (no farm ponds please), take it down to Sackett's Food Market as soon as possible and have it weighed, measured and registered O.K.?



April 24, 1968

To the Editor,

We have received a notice of a FREE GLAUCOMA EXAMINATION to be given in Wellsville High School on Tuesday, April 30th in the evening from 7 - 9 P. M.

We would like to urge every person in Andover over the age of 35, who has not had a recent eye examination by an eye specialist with a medical degree, to take advantage of this opportunity.

Douglas was fortunate to find out he had glaucoma by accident. He had had none of the symptoms that are listed as warning signs, except some headache. However, after it was discovered and treatment began he went through excruciating pain and misery plus the constant fear of complete blindness. His case happened to be rare and could not be controlled by eye drops and had to have expensive eye surgery.

This test is painless, (I have had it myself) and quick and we would like people to realize the seriousness of this disease. Most cases are treated easily and painlessly with eye drops if they are found in time.

This letter is from two, who learned the painful and expensive way.

Clara and Doug York

Attention Boys 13 - 15 Babe Ruth Team Try-outs

Attention Boys 13 - 15 — There will be tryouts for the Andover Babe Ruth Team on Saturday, April 27th at 1 P. M. at the School Diamond.

Rain or Shine!

Good Will Truck To Be In Andover Friday, May 17

The Good Will Truck will be in Andover on Friday, May 17th. Please leave filled bags at Lever's Garage after Monday, May 13th.

Boost Your Home Town!

Daylight Saving Time To Start

The beginning of the season's Daylight Saving Time starts at 2:01 A. M. Sunday, April 28, so don't forget to set your clocks an hour ahead before retiring.

Don't Forget The Junior Play Friday Night Curtain 8:00 p.m.