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Rev. Alan C. Minarcik

Rev. A. C. Minarcik To Serve Andover Presbyterians

Rev. Alan Charles Minarcik, pastor of the United Presbyterian Churches of Andover and Belmont, is a native of Queens County, New York City and will conduct a worship service at 9:45 a. m. in Andover and at 11:30 in Belmont. He succeeds the Rev. Willis V. Poole, who left the dual pastorate last September to accept a call to Stamford, Kan.

The Rev. Mr. Minarcik spent his formative years in Bellmore, L. I., and was graduated from W. C. Mepham High school in 1960. He was graduated cum laude from State University of New York at Albany with a Bachelor of Arts degree in January 1964.

Following college the Rev. Mr. Minarcik taught Latin at Clifton-Fine Central School, Star Lake, until June 1965. He received his Bachelor of Divinity degree from Princeton Theological Seminary, Princeton, N. J., last month.

The clergyman has served as assistant pastor at the First Presbyterian Churches in Beacon, N. Y., Eldorado, Kan., Stewartville, N. J., and at the Little Blue River Co-operative Parish in North Central Kansas. He also served as assistant chaplain at Eastern State School and Hospital, Terrove, Pa.

Mrs. Minarcik, the former Clara Helen Folprecht of East Northport, is a 1966 graduate of State University College, New Paltz. She has taught second grade in the East Windsor Township Schools, Highstown, N. J., for the past two years, and has been engaged to teach first grade at Andover Central School beginning next September.

The couple is residing at 5 E. Avenue-mansie in Andover.

Letter To The Editor

4 Church Street
Avoca, N. Y.
July 7, 1968

Mr. Ralph Allen, Editor
Andover News
Andover N. Y.
Dear Red,

The purpose of my letter is to express my feelings on returning to Andover, as we do every year, for the July Fourth Celebration.

I wish to commend Jim Mulholland, the committee who worked with him and any others involved for a job well done. The parade was especially impressive this year, with so many creative and attractive floats.

The whole celebration showed such teamwork and community spirit that it makes one feel proud of "the home town".

Sincerely
Mary Brown Stocum

News That's Print To Fit

Well folks, that certainly was a beautiful Fourth of July Celebration wasn't it? As far as we could see, everything turned out just perfect. Sure makes a feller proud to call Andover "His" Hometown in USA!

We only hope that the public realizes that some of the people that worked the hardest to make it a success — also had to make personal sacrifices to accomplish it.

As far as we personally were concerned — it was our vacation week. And, we had received confirmation the previous week that two pit passes and two reserved seat grandstand seats were waiting for us to pick up at the Press Headquarters of the Daytona Speedway for the big 400-mile race that took place on the Fourth of July.

Another one of the Boys that had the biggest responsibility on his shoulders had to turn down a week's expense-free vacation in the Adirondacks. So, you see, "Ye Olde Home Town Spirit" is far from dead!

Just to see it in print — we wish to congratulate "Jim" Mulholland, Chairman, and all of the rest of the committee members — as well as everyone that took part in this year's celebration on: "a good job — well done"! According to the reports that we have heard, all participating organizations made money with their concessions on the School Grounds — and every one felt that it was worth the effort put forth.

So, lets look forward to an even bigger and better one next year.

We were also fortunate enough to "get away from it all" for a few days before the 4th and were able to visit relatives at their summer home in the Catskills.

While there, we did something that we have wanted to do for years — and that was take a trip thru "Howe Caverns" in Cobleskill, N. Y.

It sure was fascinating to go thru that huge underground gorge — and even take a boat ride on a placid stream that was wide enough for two boats to pass in opposite directions.

Then too, it was almost unbelievable to leave a temperature of 90 degrees in the shade at ground level — to go down to the Caverns where there is a year-round temperature of 56 to 58 degrees.

The engineering problems alone that had to be overcome also was food for a lot of thought with over 21 miles of wiring, 1,500 bulbs and lamps — together with all of the electrical controls to keep everything working.

Yep, things like that can practically be right in our own backyard — and yet folks will drive thousands of miles to look for picturesque scenery. How about that? So, if you folks ever have the opportunity to visit there — don't miss it.

Now to the serious side of life! Unless you voters act — and act soon — the present Congress is apt to rush thru gun registration — before you know it.

It still isn't too late yet. Write, Telegram, or Telephone your Congressmen and ask them to pass laws making it tougher on the criminals that commit crimes with guns — and leave the citizens and sportsmen alone!

Briefs Of Local

PFC John Billings, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Billings, Andover, is now stationed in Vietnam. His address is:

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Fourth of July Celebration Is A BIG SUCCESS

About the only words that fully describe the Fourth of July parade and Celebration here in Andover is that: "IT WAS A BIG SUCCESS."

"Jim" Mulholland, who was General Chairman of the whole deal, is to be commended on the amount of effort put into the project as well as the results received.

John Murray, Chairman of the Parade Committee, took care of his part in fine shape and the Parade started pretty well on time as scheduled, since we have photographic proof by the Bank Clock that the second section of the parade was heading back up Main Street at 10:40. (This shows in the picture of Carrol Burdick's 1920 Fordson Tractor hauling his restored 1908 Westinghouse grain thresher).

The Parade Committee was composed of representatives of all organizations that were at the school grounds with profit making concessions. The Committee raised their own funds for the trophies and other parade expenses thru the sale and participation in their "50-50" Club.

The Queen Contest was turned over to the School, with the student body selecting Martha Greene as "Queen" for the Celebration; runner-up and 1st Attendant — Libby Ullsh; Second Attendant — Ruth Shear; and Third Attendant — Susan McClure.

Susan Reil, last year's Queen, crowned Martha Greene "Queen" just before the parade started with "Jim" Mulholland presenting the Queen and her Attendants with corsages.

John Karcanes was Grand Marshal of the Parade, with the entire proceedings being broadcast live over Radio Station WLSV, with Max Allen, Gib Helmer, Charles Hall and Ron Taylor acting as judges.

Six Veterans recently returned from active duty in Vietnam and other places of the globe rode in convertibles near the front of the Parade representing our "Boys who are in service now and fighting in Vietnam".

In the Firemens marching units: byterian Church won 1st prize; the Andover Firemen's Auxiliary took 2nd; and the American Legion Auxiliary placed 3rd.

In the Firemens marching units: the Whitesville Fire Department was 1st; with the Greenwood Fire Department placing 2nd; The Whitesville Firemen's Auxiliary won 1st prize in the women's marching division.

Cub Pack 77 won the 1st prize in the Scout marching units; with the Andover Junior Girls placing 2nd.

In the Musical Organizations the Andover Band placed 1st; and the Blue Devils of Wellsville won second place.

And, in the Special Organization Department, the large turn-out by the Allegany County Civil Defense group won them the 1st prize.

Following the Parade, a tasty Bar-B-Q chicken dinner was served by the Andover Rod & Gun Club members on the School Grounds, with the boys completely selling out despite the large number of dinners that they had planned on.

The riders, amusement stands, baseball games, water fights and other entertainment were well attended as there was a large crowd on the School Grounds all afternoon.

The Fireworks display, which was the largest on the local scene in many years, was attended by an even larger crowd than in previous years. An estimated 5,000 people were present.

An eight page advertising program was printed up and mailed out with the 4th of July issue of the Andover News and free copies were distributed on the 4th of July. The program carried the theme "Let Freedom Ring" included a schedule of the entire day's



Three of the local Servicemen that represented "Our Boys in Vietnam". Harold Sherman on the left; Jon Cook (nearest); and Donald Kemp in the front seat.



Ronald Kemp, left; Donald Swartz, right; and Doug Mulholland in the front seat; Three more of the local Servicemen that represented "Our Boys in Vietnam" in the 4th of July Parade.



Martha Greene is crowned "Queen" of the Celebration in front of the reviewing stand by Susan Reil, last year's "Queen".

events as well as a brief history of the Andover Fire Department in addition to all of the ads donated by area businessmen.

Pictures of many of the prize-winning floats and others of interest appear throughout this week's edition of the Andover News, and it is hoped that other prize winners will be able to be published next week.

All persons who participated or helped in any way in any part

of the Fourth of July Celebration are to be congratulated on their civic pride and service for helping make the Celebration such a huge success.

Region Notice

The regular meeting of the Litch-Burgott Post No. 397 will be held this Tuesday, July 16th at 8 p. m.

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