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News That's Print To Fit

Well folks, here we are again — back at the same old station! First off — we hope that all you folks who have sent in checks to pay your subscriptions will bear with us a few weeks as far as the dates on the mailing labels are concerned.

As soon as the majority of the subscription list has been paid up, the little woman will change the "mailing gallery" so that you folks are all brought up-to-date.

As it is often the case for the newspaper game, it's either a feast or famine — as far as pictures or news is concerned. Last week we had pictures out the ear-holes, and this week they are about as scarce as hens' teeth. Thus last week there just wasn't any room for even one word of "Ye Olde Column" of "News That's Print To Fit."

This week, it began to look as if the author was really going to have a "field day" and really "have a ball" by bouncing all over the front page. However, we imagine that by press time, the "little woman" will have us cut down to our usual column. Any bets?

For the past several weeks we have had reports of sure indications of Spring — flocks of Wild Geese flying North — Croc in blossom — children flying kites etc. Then came reports from the Burdicks up East Valley way of seeing 5 Robins — and this week we are told that there are even Robins in our back yard. (We have heard them, but haven't seen them yet — although our neighbors report that they have.)

Wonder how these birds like our spell of winter weather that hit us with a cold wave last night, along with those continuous snow squalls.

Really makes it seem miserable doesn't it — especially after being greeted with those few beautiful early days of Spring with the mercury climbing up to around 62 one day this past week.

Suppose this so-called "sugar snow" really does help the farmers who have their sugar-bush tapped? Or is it just one of those old sayings to try and make us feel reconciled to the bad weather that might prove useful to someone else?

Meanwhile, back at the — home front, we were glad to note that the State Highway crew aided by our local Street Department workers, took advantage of the few nice days this past week and got most of the winter's collection of sand etc., swept up off Main St.

Then too, we also noticed that the Christmas Trees have been picked up from the plastic boxes but "who-done-it" is still a mystery to us. Of this one thing we are certain: "What-it's was quite early to have to worry about planting the "peanuts" in "the patch."

When we were speaking of bouncing across the front page, and then writing about conditions along Main St., it reminded us of a report of what appears to be a new "fun and frolic game" named "bounce me around again Willie!" Or was it Tommy, Dick, or Harry — or even Mary?

Ennahoo, we understand that the game can be started at a deer — any deer — even off a tavern — and then proceed into the street. Maybe, the "aim of the game" is to bounce the opposing player all the way across the Street, and, it can be played with contestants of either — or both sexes!

Anyway, we understand that we have a new champion in the "Jill" family as there were no complaints registered by the loser.

We also see that "the political pot" is really bubbling in Allegany County with contestants "throwing their hats in the ring." In fact, we are even told that it isn't

Town Baseball Team To Be Organized

In a News Release given us today, it is reported that Local Sportsmen have entered a Baseball Team in the 11-Team Alle-Catt Baseball League which gets under way on May 4th.

The team will be composed of local area players with home games to be played at the Andover Central School Baseball Diamond. Andover's first game is scheduled for May 10th against Crosby, Pa. "Dick" Rosintowski will be player-manager, with "Dick" Joyce acting as Business Manager and Treasurer.

Any Baseball Players interested in playing on the team are requested to attend the first meeting scheduled for 8:00 p. m., Wednesday, April 2nd at the Thorp's Pool Hall on Main St., Andover. Also, any merchants that would be interested in sponsoring a uniform, or uniforms, for players are asked to contact Dick Joyce or attend the first meeting.

Players from Andover, Greenwood, Whitesville or Wellsville are invited to the first meeting.

The Baseball Team is also sponsoring a contest for the selection of a name for the newly organized team with a cash prize offered to the person submitting the name selected.

Slim Pickin' TOPS Club News

The Slim Pickin' TOPS Club met Wednesday night, March 19th at the Andover School. There were eleven present and a total weight loss of 25 pounds. Ruby Ormsby was the Queen for the week.

even just the "pot that is boiling"! How about that? Threats of reprisals — and all that sort of stuff. According to what we understand, some people don't even believe in the "freedom of the press."

Now here is one thing that we can't emphasize too strongly: — When the "freedom of the press" is aborted so that Newspapers can't print the truth — then SLAVES — your FREEDOM has gone down the drain — like it has in the past with the decadence of previous great Civilizations! ! !

By the way, we don't know how many of you folks read the "Dear Abbey" column in the Daily Newspapers but, in our opinion, one of her column's this week is really outstanding — and should be read by every parent as well as every child that loud enough to read. The column appeared in the Buffalo Courier Express on March 24, 1969 and in the Wellsville Daily Reporter, Monday, March 24, 1969 and if we had permission we would reproduce it word for word. However, we are writing in today and hope to have some information soon so that we can at least write something similar in the near future.

Oh yes! We almost forgot to mention the reasons why the fire siren was playing such an active tune Sunday afternoon and evening.

In the afternoon, a grass fire on the Henry Biehl farm in East Valley started the siren going. Then, because of the pleasant day, with many people away, the siren was sounded for quite a spell to get enough firemen to take care of their task. And, the boys had hardly returned from this alarm, when they were called out again for another grass fire at DeRemers. Then again, around 7:05 p. m., they were called out again for another grass fire near the Quaker State Gas Station at the corner of Route 21 and 17.

Then came the rains — and an end to the grass fire menace for the present time.

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Letter to the Editor:

Perhaps the "hottest" topic in upstate New York certainly in the Southern Tier, is the topic of reorganization. If this is not true momentarily it will be now that Sectional Basketball is over and as soon as the legislature adjourns, School District Reorganization to a great majority of the residents of small school districts represents a basic human ideology. It represents a threat to local control and identity. It also involves great differences in opinion in as far as what is best for the students, the community, and the taxpayer. Let us examine some of the logic of those who would oppose the idea of school district reorganization.

If we could draw an analogy to a family situation and consider the school and its members consisting of teachers, parents, voters, interested community citizens, and students as a large family then we would perhaps apply the same logic the state uses in dealing with families that they feel are not doing a good job of taking care of their children. The small school area would ask for nothing more but would certainly ask for as much consideration for their "family" as is given by precedent to every family in the state.

In essence what the State is saying to the local Board of Education and communities is "You are unfit parents, therefore you no longer should have the right to care for the children in your educational area as you see fit." This thought is being subtly interjected into the thinking of our legislators and many in the state who are unfamiliar with local situations. Comments from high places such as "how long can we afford to let small inefficient schools continue to be a burden on the State", and legislation such as was introduced for serious consideration into the 1969 legislature to cut the aid of schools that are under the state plan and no not organize 5% each year cumulative until they consolidate have pointed up dramatically the thinking of both the New York State Education Department and the Legislature.

To be sure there are many schools in New York State that are not doing as good a job as others. There may be many reasons for such differences in achievement, results, and accomplishments. It has been observed that there are good big schools and poor big schools just as there are good small schools and poor small schools. Is there any logic or justification in condemning all small schools just because some of them happen to be poor. The same logic would condemn all large schools for the same reason.

The average taxpayer, parent, and voter in our various school communities looks at the product of the school in much the same way that a factory or business might assess its service or product. The student is the product and his educational accomplishments reflect in part the contributions made by the school or schools he attended. We have been educated to think in terms of such things as drop out rate, accomplishments on the parents examinations and the New York State Regents Scholarship Examination. Testing and comparing with State and National norms and things of this nature. We are always concerned with what our students do upon graduation and whether they are successful. Based on these traditional criteria a vast majority of the schools in the Southern Tier have flatly reflected the State Plan for reorganization of schools. We are not ready to be judged "unfit Parents" on the basis of limited criteria and would ask for a study of the present schools in the state to compare accomplishments of

Name The Team Contest ???

The Andover Town Team, of the Alle-Catt League, needs a Name — ANDOVER —

Submitter of winning name will receive \$5.00. Deadline for all entries is Friday, April 4. Drop off entries at News Office, with your name. In case of a duplicate in the winning name chosen, that name which was submitted first is the winner!

Seniors along traditional lines. We would ask that this study be made by an impartial group and the results published. If the results of such a study would indicate a significant correlation between size of the school and the results obtained this should be a real factor in influencing Boards of Education to act.

It is my opinion that the special aid for school district reorganization should be abolished. If the proposal has real merit it should sell itself and not require a carrot to entice voters to go along with it. With the state offering to pay up to 95% of the cost of new schools and adding 10% to the operating aid up to 90% it would seem that if the proposal had any universal appeal we would all jump at the chance to reorganize. If a large majority of the schools in the state did elect to reorganize there would be a much worse fiscal crisis than we now face with this law in existence. I believe reorganization should be available to those districts that wish to choose this as one possible means of improving their schools, however it would seem illadvised to force it against the will of the people where a reasonable educational program is in existence.

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Dear Major Allen

Sorry if so be I outrank you now, having just received commission as Colonel on Staff of Governor Nunn of Kentucky, suh! Ross Lee Baker

Ed. Note: — Congratulations! Colonel Suh! — How about putting in a good word for me? After all I'm in the PFC rank (Praying For Colonel)! Have graduated from Advanced Officers Course at Ft. Knox (Diploma et al), and have 6 years (soon) in grade as Major.

PFC, R.A.A.

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Dear Mr. Allen,

We enjoy the Andover News, even though after an absence of over fifty years. Most of the News Items are about people that are strangers to us. However we enjoy the items of the "years ago" column as they are about our old friends and neighbors.

Mrs. Dean recently purchased an old Johnson's Encyclopedia published in 1874 and the following is a copy of what was written about Andover:

"Andover, a post Village in Allegany County, N. Y., has seven manufacturing establishments, five Churches, one furnace, one grade School, one weekly paper and a good trade. It is a good farming region, and is on the Erie R.R. 110 miles East of Dunkirk, N. Y. Population of Township 1,873. E. S. Barnard, Editor of the Andover Enterprise."

At that time, my Grandfather, James O'Leary, operated a Blacksmith Shop in the rear of his home on Chestnut St. My Mother, then, was a young lady of eighteen.

We trust this will be of interest to you.

Very Truly Yours,
W. J. DEAN

Ed. Note: — We thank you kindly for your nice letter and "good word" for the News. We

Hospital Notes

Mrs. John Cannon, a medical patient in the Bethesda Hospital returned home Saturday.

Glenn Halsey was admitted to Robert Packer Hospital in Sayre, Pa., Friday.

Mrs. Angielee Davis is a patient in the Jones Memorial Hospital.

Clarence Snedeker, a medical patient in the Jones Memorial Hospital has returned home.

David Wallace, a patient in the Jones Memorial Hospital has been discharged.

Date Spencer, a patient in the Jones Memorial Hospital has been discharged.

Roscoe Tidd, a patient in the St. James Mercy Hospital has been discharged.

Eric McAndrew, a medical patient in the Bethesda Hospital has been discharged.

Trout Season Opens Tuesday April 1

As though any real fishermen need be told, the State Conservation Department today reminded anglers that the trout season opens Tuesday, April 1. While changing weather can rapidly affect stream conditions, early estimates of probable stream conditions built down to this four-word prediction, "Best in the West." Generally lighter snow cover in the western half of the State will allow streams to settle from their early high levels and clear more than usual by opening day.

Rainbow trout, which attract national attention in their spawning runs up the Finger Lakes tributaries, have put in their appearance. Fish biologists on the scene estimate that the peak of the run should again coincide with opening day. This prediction is, of course, dependent on no abrupt weather shift.

Ponds and lakes throughout the state will typically be ice-bound on opening day. Some fishing opportunity may be present where moving currents of inlets and outlets provide some open water. Anglers should remember that except where specifically permitted, trout may not be taken through the ice and should refer to the Hunting-Trapping-Fishing Guide for 1968-69 for information on particular waters.

Anglers taking tagged fish are asked to cooperate with the Conservation Department by reporting their catch with details as to location, species, size and weight. This information is valuable in determining growth rate and other factors bearing on future stocking plans.

Examining stream conditions and angling prospects for all nine fish and game regions, the Department reports:

REGION 1 — including the counties of Erie, Genesee, Livingston, Monroe, Niagara, Ontario, Orleans, Seneca, Wayne, Wyoming and Yates.

Snowmelt is essentially complete throughout the region and, barring tremendous rainfall before opening day, streams should be in good shape. Indications are that there will be good numbers of rainbow trout moving in Naples Creek and Springwater Creek by opening day.

REGION 2 — including the counties of Allegany, Cattaraugus, Chautauque, Chemung, Schuyler and Steuben.

A general lack of snow and limited spring rains, so far, should offer opening day anglers nearly ideal stream conditions. Most ponds and lakes however, are likely to be ice covered yet. Snowing rainbows have been observed in Catherine Creek and Cold Brook so the peak of the run should be available to anglers.

are sure that many of our local "Senior Citizens" will be interested to hear from you.