

FROM OUR FILES

50 YEARS AGO

February 13, 1925

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When John Guinn and John Walter were returning home Monday, going up Snyder Gully, an avalanche of ice, snow and water poured down upon them, nearly four feet deep in the road. In some way the water from the rapidly melting snow at the head of the gully road became dammed up and held back only to be released just at the instant they were climbing the hill around to their farm homes. They had each a load of lime. On arriving at the foot of the hill they "doubled up" the hill. The first load with two teams had nearly reached the top when without warning a veritable avalanche of snow, water and ice burst forth upon them, completely filling the road to the depth of nearly four feet. The force of the water carried both teams down as the sleighs were man-horse sleds and lime became a scrambled mass. Mr. Guinn was quite seriously injured but no bones were reported fractured.

Harold Kemp graduated from Police School at Troy, yesterday. Governor Alfred E. Smith spoke at the banquet.

Charles Baker has purchased of the Lanphear estate, the residence on Dyke Street now occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Kemp.

Word has been received in Andover of the marriage last Tuesday evening of Glen Halsey of Andover and Lillian Grossman of Independence.

Mrs. Harold Hardy is ill at her home in Hornell with a severe case of scarlet fever. Mrs. Christolm is caring for Mrs. Hardy and her children.

George Cummings died at the St. James Mercy Hospital. He was brought to the home of his daughter, Mrs. Bartley Joyce of Andover, where funeral services were held Thursday morning at the Blessed Sacrament Church. Burial was in St. John's Cemetery, Andover. He was nearly 66 years of age, born February 22, 1857 in Rochester. He is survived by four children, Archie of Gloversville; Mrs. Pearl Joyce of Andover, and Mrs. Luella Yencville of Youngstown, Ohio; three brothers, John of Roseland, B. C., James of Batavia, Illinois and William of Geneva, Illinois.

Glenn Ruger has sold his residence on North Main Street to Mrs. Bessie Babcock and her father-in-law George Babcock, who will move from Water Street to their new home. Mr. Ruger purchased that property about a year ago and he has improved it with a large veranda and finished the exterior with stucco.

Miss Helen Folsing entertained a company of thirty-five young ladies Thursday evening at a shower in honor of Mrs. H. G. Storer.

A leak in the dam at the Andover Ponds caused some anxiety Wednesday afternoon. Prompt repair work by those who discovered the damage and the change in temperature no doubt saved the Village from a flood.

Mrs. Hattie Whitney and Ransom Monroe were married Thursday afternoon, February 1.

John S. Young died February 9 at his home on South Main Street in Greenwood at the age of 84. He was born and lived all of his life in Greenwood. He is survived by two sons, Frank of Greenwood and William of Buffalo; and one daughter, Miss Ellen of Greenwood. Burial was in Greenwood Cemetery.

Fay Boyd, Erwin Baker and Max Richardson left Tuesday for Buffalo, where they will attend the Hardware Convention.

Everett Clair was home from Hornell on Sunday.

Ralph Burgett and family returned from Perry, Saturday. Mr. Burgett went back to his work Sunday. His wife and family had been detained in Perry for several weeks due to the deep snow.

Mildred, two-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leon Clair, died at the Jones Memorial Hospital in Wellsville, Thursday. The little one died from a tumor of the brain

caused by a fall. Funeral services were held at her home Sunday. Burial was in Hillside Cemetery.

The Historical Picture, "The Sea Hawk" will be shown at the Auditorium, Monday, February 23. Half of the profits of the show going into the treasury of the Senior Class to help pay the cost of a trip to Washington, D. C. To earn their share they are selling tickets for the show — Adults 35c and Children 15c.

"On Deck" the home talent musical comedy put on Thursday and Friday of last week by the OES and Masons, drew a good audience. All parts were well taken. The entire cast handled their roles in fine shape. The drama was interspersed with between acts specialties of song and dance performed by local talent. Cannon Orchestra furnished the music. The entertainment netted the order about \$200.

40 YEARS AGO

February 8, 1935

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January weather was normal. The forepart of the month was much warmer than average. Last week had 6 sub-zero days according to J. Harvey Backus, U. S. Weather Bureau Observer.

The Missionary Society of the Baptist Church met at the home of Mrs. E. F. Stearns, Tuesday. There was a good attendance. A business meeting was held and the ladies did sewing and mending and pieced blocks for the Mission. A fine program was rendered.

The Andover Home Bureau Unit met at the home of Mrs. Walter Greene, Wednesday afternoon for the first lesson in "The Use of Home Grown Products". Nine members were present and two members from the Alfred Unit. The lesson was on the use of potatoes and new and appetizing recipes for serving potatoes were shown.

At the Card Party held last Friday evening in the Catholic Club House prizes were awarded in contract bridge to: Mrs. John Oakes and Mrs. John Common, auction bridge; Mrs. Michael Casey and Charles Lynch; Pedro; Mrs. Margaret Cable and Mrs. Grace Howland; Five Hundred; Mrs. Howard Dean and Mrs. Avery Mead; Rummy; Philip Lynch, John L. Cannon; Euchre; Mrs. Sara Guinn and Miss Agnes Fischer. Fire destroyed the Lanphear home on the Alfred Road, Saturday night. The house was 118 years old.

The ladies of the Baptist Church will serve a Baked Ham Supper in the Church, February 12 from 5:30 until all are served. Supper ticket includes the program, 35c; single ticket for program, 10c. Each lady is to dress in old style clothes wearing a shawl also bring shawls for display in the Patriotic Program which will follow the supper at 6:45.

John E. Cannon, Atty. Mira Diffin, Raymond O. Snyder and Edna Barrett have been reappointed as Allegany County notaries for two years by Edward J. Fynn, Secretary of State. There were 125 notaries appointed in Allegany County.

Farm and Home Week at Cornell is February 11 - 16.

Mr. and Mrs. Roger Baker of Andover, returned to their home the last of the week after spending several days with their parents. Mr. and Mrs. Allison Baker of Voorhees Hill.

Whitesville School is being held in the M. E. Church. IOOF Hall and the Grange Hall and private homes while the heating plant in the school is being repaired.

Arthur Graves of Hallsport spent the week-end with his sister, Mrs. Vincent Joyce and family on West Greenwood Hill.

A good maple sugar season is being predicted by many of our farmers. They claim the winter weather has been favorable.

William McGee passed the week-end with friends in Cortland.

Everett Clair motored to Andover from Interlaken the first of the week to help celebrate the birthday of his father, B. A. Clair which occurred February 1.

Fay Boyd, Misses Helen Folsing and Mary Snyder, motored to Elmira, Sunday, where they were guests of Miss Folsing's sister, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Terry.

Miss Margaret Dougherty of Towanda, Pa., passed the week-end with her mother, Mrs. P. J. Dougherty.

Howard Perry is now working out of Hornell instead of Buffalo. Miss Leah Oakes of the Junior College at Bath, was in Andover to pass the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Oakes.

30 YEARS AGO

February 8, 1945

Clair C. Backus, Publisher

As far as the Conservation Department is concerned there should be no open season on Antlerless deer in New York State next fall. The Conservation Department believes another open season on antlerless deer next fall would be undesirable for two reasons: First it is anxious to check the results following the 1944 New York take of 26,326 deer of which 10,108 were does. Secondly, it seeks to maintain the state's deer population at the highest level compatible with agricultural interest, in order to help meet the demands for good hunting by returning veterans. Antlerless deer taken was 3,819; — 1,626 Bucks and 2,193 Does.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Egan of Andover are parents of a son born Thursday, February 1 at the Tullar Maternity Hospital in Wellsville. Thank you letter from Boys in the Services were from Roger Baker, Robert Hall, Carl Honegger, Vincent McAndrew, Victor Oakes and John Ahrens.

January 1945 was the coldest month in many years. Showed 11 days below 0 with the low of 20 below zero on the 26 and the high for the month was 36 degrees on January 1.

Fire of undetermined origin totally destroyed the barn, tools and equipment as well as a large amount of hay and grain Tuesday night on the James McAndrew farm on Pingrey Hill, Town of Alfred. Firemen from Alfred and Andover were on the scene but due to impassable roads no equipment could be brought to the farm. The livestock was removed from the building which was one of the largest barns in this section.

Oliver Kemp, Lester York and William Woodruff trucks were called to Buffalo this week in the emergency transportation problem there by the O. D. T.

Mrs. Margaret Hallett is very ill at the home of her niece, Mrs. Victor Dailey on Elm Street.

There will be a Sauerkraut Supper at the Presbyterian Church February 21.

The Seniors are sponsoring a concert by the Apollo Club of Wellsville, Friday evening, February 23. There will be other entertainment on the program provided by the Musical Department of A.C.S.

Slate Creek — So far our roads have been cleared and open to automobiles as far as the Stewart farm. The mail carrier finished his route of about a mile on foot but the mail has gone through everyday this winter, but one.

Mr. and Mrs. Francis Mead and daughter and Mrs. Nellie Mead of Elm Valley were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. George Tucker of Starnards.

Mrs. Lottie Drew and Phyllis and Jimmy Riffe were in Wellsville on business, Friday.

Miss Veronica McAndrew of Alfred spent Sunday with her grandmother, Mrs. James Guinn.

Mrs. Francis Howard and family passed the week-end at the home of Mrs. Lena Blake in Belmont.

PFC Clifford Bixby left yesterday morning for Camp Upton, N. Y. where he will undergo a reconditioning course.

Mr. and Mrs. James Cannon and daughter, Anne were Wellsville visitors Friday.

Mrs. Basil Brundage and son and Mrs. Richard Appier and babies returned to their homes over the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Cornell and daughter of Hornell and Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Goodridge and son Raymond of Elm Valley, spent the week-end with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Davis.

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Snowmobile Clubs Booming

Agreat many of us see a snowmobile as a winter vehicle to take us to the good ice fishing locations, and to explore the outdoors when the snows are deep and the forests silent. But organized trail riding seems to be emerging as the leading snowmobile sport.

I ran into Terry Hill the other day, who is president of the Onondaga County Snowmobile Association, and who spends all of his waking hours with snowmobiles. (His job is service manager at Lakeland Marine, one of the largest Ski-Doo outfits going.) Just as an indication of the trail riding activity, Hill represents 14 clubs with a membership of over 5,000. "And, there may be that many more people who don't belong to clubs," he guesses.

Organized trail riding is done only on property where the club has clear permission, and where all safety rules pertain. "Most of the riding is done at night," Hill explained, "because that's when people have time to go."

Hill cited the Camillus Club as a typical example of an upstate group of snowmobile enthusiasts. They have 50 miles of groomed trail, and activities range from training periods for children to "fast rides" where the operators are experienced and adventuresome. At least a couple of week-ends a year members travel to another area for trail riding, such as

Old Forge or Lake George. Hill estimates that 65 per cent of club member families own two or more machines. "This has become a family sport," Hill says, "and once you're outfitted it's easy and inexpensive for everyone to participate."

One factor about the snowmobile scene this year that President Ford might like to know about is that the economic recession has not affected this industry — at least not in Upstate New York. "We've had a good snow year so far and that helps," Hill observes, "but the demand for new machines has been very good, and so has the parts business. People are keeping the old machines running, and buying new ones too."

As the clubs become more organized, one activity is to link up the various trail systems. It is not too much to expect, according to some of the planners, to have several hundreds of miles of connected trails in a county. In the case of the Onondaga Association, the members are talking with public agencies to determine if some assistance is available in the linking up process.

Any way you look at it trail riding is booming, and the day has long since passed when those of us who get our kicks from sitting around all day on a cake of ice had the winted outdoors to ourselves.

House Plants Need Light

When the heat goes on in the house and daylight becomes shorter, house plants sometimes begin to yellow and drop their leaves.

It may be necessary to move the plants to a different place in the home and to give them different treatment from that given during the summer, advises Prof. Charles C. Fischer, a Cornell University floriculturist.

Flowering plants need at least a half day of direct sunlight to develop flower buds, he said. Cacti and many succulents require a sunny situation, and coleus and crotons need direct sun to maintain their decorative foliage colors.

Plants grown mainly for their foliage, such as ivies, philodendrons, foliage begonias and peperomias, do well in indirect bright light rather than direct sunlight. African violets and gloxinias, which require indirect bright light during the summer, will need more direct light in winter.

When plants are used in a decorative scheme for accent in a room, they may get insufficient light. Fischer suggests rotating them to a bright light area every few days — a week or two in the low-light area and then several days in a sunny location.

An alternative, he says, is to have two sets of plant and to shift them every week. One set receives normal light while the other set is used in the decorative scheme.

Fischer warns that unless specially planned lighting is arranged, artificial light under a table lamp for a few hours each night does not make up for a continued lack of sunlight or indirect bright light.

He says ideal temperatures for foliage plants are 66 to 70 degrees during the day and slightly lower at night. Flowering plants retain blossoms longer at the lower temperatures. He cautions that temperatures on window sills are much more colder during the winter than at a little distance within the room.

As for watering, he says plants can be watered from the top, bottom, or by automatic means. The main consideration is to make sure there is good drainage so water does not stand in the pot and soil. Plants in clay pots need watering more frequently than do those in glazed or plastic pots.

If plants have been repotted in

Allegany County Fire Control Report

From: Allegany County Fire Control 82 East Greenwood Street, Andover, New York for the month of January 1975.

FIRES	
Industrial	0
Mercantile	0
Dwellings	3
Chimney Fires	11
Farm Bldgs.	1
Motor Vehicle	2
Oil Field	1
Grass & Brush	0
Pennsylvania Calls	1
Miscellaneous Calls	10

Total Calls

Accidents — 3

MUTUAL AID

In County

Out-of-County

Total Calls

Radio Checks — 45

Siren Tests — 91

Vehicle Practice — 9

Vehicle Maintenance — 23

AMBULANCE CALLS

Alfred

Almond

Andover

Angelica

Belfast

Bolivar

Filmmore

Friendship

Genesee

Richburg

Rushford

Shinglehouse

Total Calls

False Alarms — 3

Miscellaneous Calls — 883

Total Calls for the Month — 1195

the fall into a soil containing fertilizer, they probably will not need more fertilizer until spring, but if a soilness mix has been used they will need regular fertilizing. Fischer advises using one teaspoon of 5-10-5 or 4-12-4 fertilizer in a quart of water and applying it every eight or 10 weeks.

Patented fertilizers in powder, liquid, or tablet form may be used, also, and the manufacturer's directions should be followed. Fischer makes a final suggestion, to keep the plants healthy turn them occasionally to expose all sides to the light source. Also, wash the leaves regularly to remove dust accumulations. He warns against using any oily substance on the leaves to keep them shiny because it attracts dust.