

## On The Ball

Postmaster General Summerfield said last week that by next Sept. 1 every post office in the United States will display ball point pens for the use of the public.

Here's real progress. No more of those scratchers which used to dig into an envelope, blot the paper, and stain the hands. Instead, the ball points will slip over the paper smoothly and swiftly, presenting legible addresses which will be a boon to post office efficiency.

In this milestone of post office progress, Andover can take unusual pride. For Andover was one of the few post offices which were used for preliminary tests of the ball point pens.

When the test periods were checked, it was found that only a few of the ball point pens which had been chained out here were missing. Postal officials were of the opinion that this was mischief by some very small fry and was not indicative of the general habits of Andover's post office patrons.

The choice of Andover as a testing ground for postal ball points seems to have been a wise one. In addition to the permanent residents here there are thousands of students from all parts of the nation going in and out of the post office every day in the school year. Transient motorists pass through Andover and stop to do business at the fine post office in the center of town. People from all walks of life are among those who have made use of the ball point pens at the Andover post office during the past several months. Because of their honesty and respect for the property of others, people throughout the United States are to be saved from those antiquated pens which served mostly to heighten the user's blood pressure.

The government feels that when all of the nation's 37,863 post offices have been equipped with ball point pens there will be little pilferage. But just in case, the post office department points out that theft of government property is punishable by a year in prison and a \$500 fine.

But who would want to risk a ball and chain for the petty larceny of a ball point pen?

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## No New Wrinkles

Specialists of the University of Massachusetts Extension Service are always coming up with some pretty helpful tips. With the vacation and travel season in full swing, one of the consultants sends along word of water repellent finishes which will save many hours of washing and ironing clothing.

These wonder workers come in two forms, one used in the rinse water during regular laundering, and the other a spray which is applied to articles which have been dry cleaned.

"Clothing that has been given a water repellent finish will wrinkle less, resist soil and stains and remain fresh over a longer period of wearing. Travelers who must pack clothing in suitcases during humid weather will appreciate the resistance to wrinkling that is given by this finish." That's a direct quote from the University's communication.

Appreciate isn't the word. Anyone who has unpacked a suitcase and found everything as wrinkled as an old prune would be downright thankful for such advice.

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eral years. While there he has been successful in the formation and conduct of volunteer choirs of both adults and children.

Mr. Noss also announced that his brother, the Rev. Christopher Noss and his family will occupy the South church parsonage from July 10 to 26 and will preach at the Sunday Union services of the South and Free churches on July 15 and 22. Those services are to be held in the Free church.

Mr. Noss is pastor of St. Mary's Evangelical and Reformed church in Silver Run, Md.

## Officers Of D.A.V. Installed Sunday

Officers of Andover chapter 18, Disabled American Veterans, and the newly-formed auxiliary were installed July 8.

The ceremonies were held in West Center school with the state installing team in charge.

Judge David B. Williams, state commander, and Joseph F. Harold, state department adjutant, installed the officers of Chapter 18. The installing team of Eileen Reilly, national executive committeewoman and Mae Baldwin, state department senior vice commander installed officers of the Auxiliary.

Raymond Pellerin was installed as commander of the chapter; Thomas Leonard, senior vice commander; Russell Galvin, junior vice commander; Walter McDonald, adjutant; James W. Burke, sergeant at arms; Donald Wheelock, chaplain and Richard Dulong, officer of the day.

Officers of the Auxiliary installed were Margaret MacCord, commander; Ann Garabedian, senior vice commander; Agnes Waldie, gold star mother, junior vice commander; Theresa Pellerin, adjutant and Sarah Leonard, chaplain.

Past Department Commander Joseph Horan was master of ceremonies. Among guests at the affair were Stafford Lindsay, Elmer Baldwin, Eugene Reilly and Harold Vincent, vice commander of the V.F.W. post.

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## Down the Years with The Townsman

### 50 Years Ago — July 1906

The first speeding offense by a motorist in Andover was recorded this month. The vehicle came down Main st. at a fast clip and the driver was stopped. Irate pedestrians offered to appear in court and testify to the speed of the car which bore registration number 14980. The owner was arraigned before the judge the next morning and was given 30 days in the house of correction.

Henry A. Bodwell, Alexander Ritchie and David L. Couits were among members of the Lawrence Canoe club who paddled down the Merrimack river from Lawrence to Newburyport on Saturday.

Burton S. Flagg was elected treasurer of Abbot academy at a meeting of the trustees. He succeeds Samuel L. Fuller who has gone to New York on business. Mr. Flagg was also made a member of the board of trustees.

Local farmers say that this has been the best haying season on record. They report that the greatest drawback in cutting is the lack of help.

The children of St. Augustine's Sunday school enjoyed a picnic at the Pines, Groveland, Sunday. They were transported in two special electric cars with their teachers and Father McGowan who directed the arrangements. At the grove the children played games, and returned home in the early evening a tired but happy group.

The Punchard High school baseball team ended a fair season with a game against the Andover Guild on the old P. A. Campus. J. Daly had the best batting average for the season and Bingham led in the field. The team scored a total of 171 runs while its opponents were registering 173.

### 25 Years Ago — July 1931

Following a spirited state house hearing attended by 42 men and women from this area, Public Works Commissioner Frank E. Lyman promised to do everything possible to complete construction of the Andover-Reading highway from the by-pass to Phillips academy. Rep. Thomas J. Lane of the district led the fight to have the road building resumed at once. Treasurer James C. Sawyer of Phillips academy was one of those appearing in favor of the construction.

A still on a West Andover farm was destroyed by fire and resulted in Federal Prohibition agents launching an investigation of its ownership. Reports were that the owner was at the fire scene but fled when the "Feds" arrived. The flames consumed all traces of evidence of alcoholic beverage. Firemen laid 1800 feet of hose from Fish brook in an attempt to halt the blaze.

Police Officer David May was injured when he stepped over a steep wall in the dark on Lewis street in answer to a call that a disturbance was in progress there. He was taken to a doctor by Officers John Campbell and William

Shaw who accompanied him on the call. He was later taken home and may be laid up for a week or more.

Andover police and state troopers finally halted a speeding Quincy motorist on South Main street after he had sped through Andover at 60 miles an hour. Officer Leonard Saunders fired a warning shot at the vehicle which was brought to a halt at the Reading barracks.

Inspectors from the Registry of Motor Vehicles stopped nearly 100 cars in Shawsheen square for light inspections. The registry men were in charge of Chief Inspector James J. Perry and handed out a number of tickets for faulty equipment.

### 10 Years Ago — July 1946

Summer school for veterans gets underway at Punchard High school. Fifty-one ex-service men are taking an eight week's course which will prepare them for college in the fall. The summer school is sponsored jointly by the state and town. The town supplies the facilities, the state pays the expense. Bernard M. Kellmurray is head of the summer school and praises the veterans for their intense interest in study. Of the students at the summer school, 13 of them are from out of town — North Andover, Haverhill, Lawrence, Methuen — and two from Boston. The school day runs from 8:15 to 1 p.m. and consists of five periods. The veterans are among those who will avail themselves of the educational provisions of the G.I. Bill in September.

When the Lawrence American Legion musicians gave a Fourth of July concert at Ballardvale, some of the spectators stood in front of the horn section sucking lemons. The band played on without a pucker, passing the acid test.

Frank O'Brien of Phillips st. was elected captain of next year's baseball team. The Eli third baseman was a big factor in his team's winning the Eastern Intercollegiate title. He returned to college after five years in the service and as an honor student.

Jimmy McLane of Akron, Ohio, Phillips Academy freshman, set a new world's swimming record for the 800 meter freestyle in a meet at Havana, Cuba. Crowds of students acclaimed the young star with a half hour ovation.

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