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Best Wishes to All in 1947

M. V. Lynch Home Destroyed By Fire Christmas Eve

Fire of undetermined origin totally destroyed the farm home of Michael V. Lynch and family on South Hill, two and one-half miles southwest of Andover village, at approximately 12.30 a. m., Christmas Eve, leaving Mr. and Mrs. Lynch and their family homeless for the holiday season.

The fire which evidently started while the family were attending mid-night church services in Andover, had gained such headway that nothing could be saved from the house when the Andover Fire Department arrived at the scene. However, aided by the snow on the roofs the firemen were able to save the two nearby barns and other buildings on the farm.

The fire was first noticed by a passerby on the Wellsville-Andover state highway, who reported it to the Andover Fire Department.

The family is now staying at the home of their daughter, Mrs. William Dugan, and neighbors, Mr. and Mrs. Everett Clark and Augustus Lynch.

Left with only what clothing they were wearing at the time of the fire, they have been the recipients of a large amount of clothing from Andover people who deeply sympathize with them in the loss of their home.

Entertain Four Generations at Christmas Dinner

Mr. and Mrs. Avery Mead entertained on Christmas Day at dinner Henry Joyce, Mr. and Mrs. John Burns, Mr. and Mrs. William Joyce and family, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Joyce and daughters, Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Joyce and family, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Burns, Mr. and Mrs. Robert McCormick and daughter. The occasion also celebrated the 81st birthday of Henry Joyce and four generations were represented.

Appreciation

We wish to express our appreciation and thanks to the Andover fire department and Andover people for the assistance given us at the time our home burned and the kindnesses shown us since the fire.

Mr. and Mrs. M. V. Lynch and family

In the Hospital

Mrs. John E. Baker was taken to the St. James Mercy hospital in Hornell Monday in the J. E. Mulholland ambulance for observation and treatment prior to surgery.

Miss Jennie Dodge was taken to Jones Memorial hospital in the Mulholland ambulance Tuesday morning for treatment.

Mary Kathryn O'Dell, ten-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gus O'Dell, was taken to the St. James Mercy Hospital, Hornell last Friday for treatment.

Mrs. Silas Whitford

Mrs. Eva Mae Weld Whitford, mother of Mrs. Lillian Clark of Andover, died unexpectedly early Thursday morning, December 26, 1946, at her home in Almond.

Mrs. Whitford was born March 19, 1875 in Cohocton, a daughter of Albert and Lorissa Haight Weld. She is survived by her husband, Silas Whitford; sons, Robert, Frank, and Max Whitford, all of Almond; Harold Whitford, Hornell; two daughters; Mrs. Hazel Dunn, Hornell; Mrs. Lillian Clark, Andover; 11 grandchildren and one sister, Mrs. Ida Cries.

She was a member of the Presbyterian church of Cohocton.

Services were held Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock, at the home of her son, Robert Whitford, in Almond. The Rev. Albert Rogers officiated with burial in Alfred Rural Cemetery.

Veterans Service Office To Be Open Tuesday Evenings

Designed as service to veterans and veterans' dependents who are unable to contact the Agency during regular office hours, an evening office schedule will be maintained one night a week by the staff of the Allegany County Veterans' Service Agency, Court House, Belmont, beginning next Tuesday (January 7.)

"It has been increasingly clear during the past few months that there are many veterans who would like to take advantage of the services this Agency has to offer, but who are unable to contact us due to work, etc.," Robert W. Nicholson, Agency director, pointed out in making this announcement. "This evening schedule is being activated as a service to them."

It is planned to remain open Tuesday evenings, 7-9 o'clock. The Director and State Veterans' Counselor will be on duty, together with office personnel.

Veterans interested in claims, hospitalization, education, training and any other of the many rights and privileges and services available to veterans and their dependents are urged to call at the Agency at this time if they are unable to do so during the regular work day.

The Agency will continue to be open Monday through Friday, 9-5, and on Saturday, 9-12.

Mrs. Belle Bloss Fractures Hip

Mrs. Belle Bloss had the misfortune to fall at her home on Greenwood street Tuesday morning fracturing her hip. She was taken to the Jones Memorial hospital, Wellsville, in the James B. Mulholland ambulance.

Our Apologies

With a year-end rush of work and to give our regular advertisers the usual Thursday edition, the News force took a half holiday New Year's Day instead of going to press on Tuesday as previously stated.

Buy all the bonds you can. Keep all the bonds you buy.

Waste Paper Collection Jan. 11

The Andover Boy Scouts will hold another waste paper collection next week Saturday, January 11th.

Annual Report of Andover Police Department

The following report of the Andover Police Department for the year ending December 31st is made by Police Officer Albert Rogers:

Red light calls ----- 92
Auto accidents, reports ----- 22
Thefts, involving \$2,268.25 investigated, returned \$2,073.25.

Arrests:
Intoxication ----- 17
Disorderly conduct ----- 4
Traffic infractions ----- 17
The police department also assisted in five grand larceny and one carnal abuse case.

News Briefs of Local Men in U. S. Service

The following letter, telling of a change of address, was received from Mrs. Anna A. Zenner, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Martin Hoyer of Andover:

7 December 1946
Andover News,
Dear Sir:

I am receiving your paper pretty regular and am sure glad to keep in touch this way with the home town.

At this time I would like to notify you that my A.P.O. No. has changed from 154 to 172, although I am still in the same place, but someone must not have liked my old number.

At this time I wish all the folks in Andover a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Yours,
Anna A. Zenner, 2113
Group "E", Civ. Cens. Div.
APO 172, c/o Postmaster
New York, N. Y.

New and Changed Addresses:

Pvt. Clare Robert Jackson,
12247617
Co. A, 44th Batt.
A. G. F., R.T.C.
Fort Dix, New Jersey
Pvt. Vincent H. Burrows,
12248493
APO 28178, c/o Postmaster
San Francisco, Calif.
Pfc. Earl W. Leon, 12105651
604 Tac. Cont. Sqdn.
APO 207, c/o Postmaster
New York, N. Y.

Firemen's Meeting This Friday Evening

Regular meeting of the Andover Fire Department will be held this Friday evening at 8 o'clock.

Hick Town: One which, if you see a girl dining with a man old enough to be her father—he is.

Hard work may be highly respectable but you can't ever make it popular.

Mrs. Margaret McCormick

Miss Margaret McCormick, 85, of Rexville, died Wednesday morning, Dec. 25th, 1946, at the Denton Nursing Home in Almond, following an illness of some months.

Miss McCormick was born in Rexville, the daughter of John and Katherine McKinley McCormick.

She is survived by several nieces and nephews.

Services were held Saturday morning, with a prayer service at the James B. Mulholland Funeral Home in Andover at 9 o'clock, followed by services in Blessed Sacrament church at 9:30, the Rev. Charles J. Keller officiating. Interment was in St. Mary's Cemetery at Rexville.

Willis—Church

Miss Verna Jean Church, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Church of Voorhees Hill, and Donald Martin Willis, son of Mr. and Mrs. Martin Willis of Howard street, Wellsville, were united in marriage Christmas night, December 25th, at 8:30 p. m., at the home of the bride's parents. Rev. O. Blakely Hill of the Christian Temple performed the double ring ceremony in soft candlelight under an arch of flowers, Christmas greens and white bells.

Miss Christine Church acted as maid of honor for her sister and Frederick Willis was his brother's best man. Members of the immediate families were present.

The bride's gown was simply fashioned of white silk brought from Japan by her bridegroom on his return from overseas last spring. She wore a fingertip veil and carried a colonial bouquet of white carnations and red rose buds. Her attendant's gown was of pale pink net over taffeta and her colonial bouquet was of violets centered with a pink rose.

Both the bride's and groom's mothers were attired in blue and wore identical corsages of carnations.

The couple were classmates in Wellsville High School and the bride attended the College of Liberal Arts at Alfred University while the groom served 30 months with the armed forces, seeing action in the closing days of the war in the European theatre of operations and later with the Army of Occupation in Japan. Since his discharge he has been employed in construction work in Alfred.

Mr. and Mrs. Willis left by motor for a trip through the New England states after which they will be at home on West State street, Wellsville.

Just previous to the holiday vacation the bride-to-be was tendered a shower by her roommate and other residents of her dormitory, "The Castle" in Alfred.

Announce Engagement

Mr. and Mrs. James L. McDonough of Highland Park, Michigan, announce the engagement of their daughter, Anne E. McDonough to Mr. Henry F. Fink, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Fink, both of Niagara Falls.

The wedding will take place in the near future.

Rev. Shearer Finishes Ministry In Andover

Rev. W. D. Shearer finished his three year ministry at the Methodist Church with two fine services this past week. Following the Christmas supper at the church the preceding Sunday night, when he was presented with a pair of gold cuff links by the choir and a pen and pencil set by the W. S. C. S.; he conducted a midnight candle light service in the church Tuesday night. The church has been beautifully decorated with evergreens and candles. Following the processional and special music by the choir Rev. Shearer read, very pleasingly, the story of "The Littlest Angel." With Mrs. Hazel Burgett at the console of the organ this was a most touching and effective part of the service. The celebration of the eucharist concluded the service with the large congregation participating in the communion.

During Rev. Shearer's pastorate transformation of the church and other repairs have been made, which with the installation of a new pipe organ, totalled an approximate cost of six thousand dollars. He had expressed the determination to erase the entire amount before leaving, and Sunday morning he, with the congregation, had the pleasure of seeing the entire amount wiped out.

Calling the trustees of the church to the altar rail he was presented, by Mr. Lawrence Corwin, president of the board, with the note, representing the last of the indebtedness, and upon the plate, held by the chancel boy, Roger Phelps, he had the pleasure of seeing it burn. The congregation joined in the doxology. Rev. A. W. MacDougald voiced words of appreciation for the leadership and accomplishments of Rev. Shearer's ministry, his fine, charitable spirit, and wished him God speed and best wishes for his success in preparing himself for the visual presentation of the Gospel intent to the youth of the church.

Evangelist Here Friday Through Sunday

Presenting an old-fashioned revival message with an appeal to modern youth, Evangelist John DeBrine will conduct special services on Friday, Saturday and Sunday of this week in the Christian and Missionary Alliance church on Rochambeau Avenue. The special service will be preceded by a Night of Prayer Thursday night, held in the church in the interest of a national, spiritual awakening, the reconstruction problems in the mission field abroad, and the special meetings here in Andover. All of the evening services will begin at 7:45, and the Sunday morning service at 10:30.

New Arrivals

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Skinner are parents of a seven-pound son, Larry Eugene, born Monday, December 30 at Tallar Maternity hospital, Wellsville.