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## Editorial

by Vicki Lynch

No other holiday on the calendar is so widely celebrated and so filled with meaning as Christmas. To Christmas the world over, Christmas brings hope of peace and good will to men.

For many years Christmas was kept only as a church festival and was observed by religious services. But, as Christianity spread, the people began celebrating with merrymaking as well as with religious observances. By the 16th and 17th centuries, great feasts were given during the Christmas season with singing, dancing, and a great deal of gaiety. The celebrations in England became so wild, and the spiritual meaning of the holiday was so little observed, that in 1654 Parliament passed a law abolishing it from the calendar. Soon after, the Massachusetts Bay Colony in America made the observance of Christmas a prison offense.

For about 200 years Christmas was ignored by the New England States. But the holiday came to other parts of the United States through the Dutch settlers of New York, the Germans of Pennsylvania, and the Roman Catholics of Maryland. The spirit of the season later returned to England as is seen in the story, "The Christmas Carol" by Charles Dickens in 1843. "A Visit from St. Nicholas", a poem by Clement Moore of New York City was written in 1822 for his own children. It introduced a new character to American children, a St. Nicholas who was round and fat, a bright jolly old elf with a sleigh full of toys drawn by eight tiny reindeer.

But more significant than the St. Nicholas legend is the story of the New Testament of the Wise Men who carried gifts to the baby Jesus. According to the Gospel of Matthew they saw the young child with Mary, his mother and fell down and worshipped him and when they had opened their treasures, they presented unto him gifts; gold and frankincense and myrrh.

Christmas customs have become traditions passed down from generation to generation. The legend that Santa Claus comes through the chimney is thought to have come from the early Norsemen, and their Goddess, Hertha, appearing on the hearth to bring good luck to the house. The custom of burning the yule log is also Norse. In ancient times, the God of Thunder, was worshipped by the people of Norway and Iceland, and it is in his honor they burned the yule.

The Christmas Tree was used in Germany as early as 1605. There are numerous stories of the origin of the Christmas Tree. One of these tells of St. Beniface, a missionary, who was wandering one Christmas Eve through northern Germany. Suddenly he came upon some pagans gathered around a great oak tree about to offer a human sacrifice to the God Thor. In anger, Beniface felled the mighty tree and in its place arose a beautiful young fir tree. The holy man pointed out that this tree, should be used in their homes as a symbol of the purity of the Christ Child. He told that gather about the fir tree each year from this time forth they should at Christmas and worship, Christ.

## Nursing Examination

The National League for Nursing Pre-Nursing Examination was given in the Wellsville High School on Saturday, December 14. Students from surrounding schools took the test, including Debbie Collins from Andover.

The test, which was the equivalent of a college board examination consisted of parts on reading comprehension, mathematics, science, social studies, and vocabulary. It started at 8:45 a. m. and was over about 2:15 p. m.

Boost Your Home Town:

## Bill Ford Chosen Senior of the Week

William Lynn Ford, son of Mr. and Mrs. Herald Ford, has been chosen Senior of the Week. "Bill" nicknamed "Boog", was born September 8, 1946. He has a sister Polly in the fourth grade, and a brother Roger in second grade.

During high school, "Bill" has majored in science. Following graduation, he hopes to attend Alfred Ag-Tech, and to major in business administration.

"Bill" has served diligently as Class Treasurer during his freshman and sophomore years, Vice President in his junior year, and is our Student Council Representative this year. Throughout the four years, he has participated in track, soccer, baseball, basketball and chorus.

In addition, he is a member of the Varsity Club, and is subscription editor for the Yearbook Staff. "Bill" played "Buzz" Rafferty and Jonathan Forbs, male leads in our junior and senior plays, respectively.

Among his favorites are: book, "Mutiny on the Bounty"; food, spaghetti; color, blue; and sport, track.

"Bill", we of the senior class wish you success always, and wish to tell you that it's been a great pleasure having you as a classmate. A bright smile and a great sense of humor are truly characteristic of you, our Senior-of-the-Week.

## Feature

### Christmas Around The World

Not all countries celebrate Christmas in the same way. In Austrian Christmas custom places emphasis upon light as a symbol of the eternal light God gave man in the Christ Child. Three large wax candles are prepared, as the family gathers around on Christmas Eve and sings hymns. The father lights the first candle. As he does so he chants "Christ is born, Christ is born". Then each member of the family repeats, "Praised be the Lord, Christ is born".

The second candle is lit on Christmas Day, and the third on New Year's Day when the Christmas festivities end. Each lighting is accompanied with a similar ceremony.

In Brazil, an open air mass at midnight on Christmas Eve is held under brilliant tropical sky, in midsummer weather. The Cathedral churchyard is converted to an altar where the worshippers reverently pray and chant hymns.

After devotions the families have Christmas Eve supper in their homes.

In Serbia on Christmas Day friends call upon neighbors to "let Christmas in." Upon entering the house, the caller sprinkles handfuls of grain in the corner of the house to assure bountiful crops the coming year.

The yule log is then lit, and as sparks fly, the man makes a wish for good fortune to the family. The caller then kneels down and kisses one end of the log, as he places a coin on it as his Christmas gift to his good neighbor.

## Cafeteria Menu

January 6th - 10th

MONDAY: Hungarian Goulash, Vitamin Sticks, Bread and Butter Sandwich, Oatmeal & Raisin Cookies, Milk.

TUESDAY: Hot Meat Sandwich, Buttered Green Beans, Cranberry Crunch, Milk.

WEDNESDAY: Vegetable or Creamed of Potato Soup, Peanut Butter Sandwich, Frosted Apple Sauce Cake, Milk.

THURSDAY: Vegetable Beef Stew over Potatoes, Bread and Butter Sandwich, Cottage Cheese & Fruit Salad, Milk.

FRIDAY: Cream Egg or Cheese Rarebit on Toast, Harvard Beets, Fruited Cherry Jello, Milk.

Commercial Printing at the News Printing House.

## Purple And White

Dan Smith

Last Thursday, December 12, marked Andover's third consecutive loss for the season at the hands of Alfred-Almond by a score of 92 - 54. Even though the score doesn't show it, Andover put up a good fight all during the game. With the height advantage, Alfred - Almond controlled the boards all during the game which seemed to make the big difference in the score. For Andover Doug Mulholland and Ike Conner led the scoring with twenty-two and sixteen respectively.

The Box Scores were:  
 Andover (54) G F T  
 Mulholland 7 8 22  
 Conner 5 6 16  
 Thorp 1 1 9  
 Baker 2 0 4  
 Cannon 1 0 2  
 Joyce 0 1 1

Alfred-Almond (92) G F T  
 Bey 1 0 2  
 Lockwood 3 0 6  
 Greenspan 4 0 4  
 Perry 2 0 4  
 Randolph 12 3 27  
 Leathersich 1 1 3  
 Gibbs 3 3 9  
 Ormsby 7 4 18  
 L. Vanderhoef 5 0 10  
 A. Vanderhoef 1 -1 3  
 P. Baker 1 0 2

Score by quarters—  
 Andover 7 20 12 15  
 Alfred-Almond 19 26 48 33

Last week the Varsity Club inducted three new members. They are Jeff Common, Bob Cornell and Gary Ordiway.

On Saturday, December 14 the Andover Wrestlers traveled to Campbell to be shut out by a score of 55-0.

103 lbs. Shomaker (C) pinned Smith (A) 3:32  
 112 lbs. Stowell (C) pinned Nye (A) 4:28

120 lbs., 127 lbs., 133 lbs. forfeited to Campbell—no Andover Wrestlers

138 lbs. Peterson (C) pinned Partridge (A) 3:32

145 lbs. Reed (C) pinned Max Clarke (A) 5:03

154 lbs. Norwick (C) pinned Bill Clark (A) 1:15

165 lbs. Sprague (C) pinned J. Coats (A) 1:32

190 lbs. Gauss (C) pinned Burdick (A) 5:38

HWT Spear (C) pinned Fauzey (A) 3:50

All the Andover Wrestlers were pinned except Raymond Mead who pinned his man in exhibition which doesn't count.

## FHA News

The FHA and FFA held their Annual Christmas Party in the cafeteria on December 16th.

Miss Dutton of the Homemaking Department and Mr. Russell of the Agricultural Department were presented with gifts. Miss Dutton received bathroom scales and Mr. Russell received bookends.

## Senior News

The seniors received their pictures Monday, December 16. Everyone was pleased with the results.

Friday, December 20, the Seniors are having their Annual Christmas Party. The seniors are exchanging gifts among themselves.

Sell that article through the Classified Section.

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## Christmas Vacation

School will close on Friday, December 20th at four o'clock and will reopen on Monday, January 6th.

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## Faculty Christmas Party

The Andover Faculty members, their husbands and wives, enjoyed their Annual Christmas Dinner at the Hotel Sherwood, Tuesday, December 17th.

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