

TO REPORT
FIRE
Dial: 478-3100

ANDOVER NEWS

Police 478-3113

Ambulance
Dial: 478-4375

VOL. 99, NO. 52

For The Week Ending Thursday, Dec. 26, 1963

\$3.50 year, 10c. copy



Greetings

As Christmas bells ring out the age-old message of peace on earth, good will to men — we chime in with our very best wishes for a holiday season rich in all the things your family holds dear. May the joy and happiness of Christmas echo in your hearts now and throughout all the days to come.

The Andover News

News That's Print To Fit

The Origin Of SANTA CLAUS

The modern, mythical Santa Claus, patron saint of Christmas and the most beloved figure in the legends of childhood, developed from the real Saint Nicholas, of the Middle Ages.

Because of his kindness, thoughtfulness and his teachings of love and understanding, he has, down through the years, gradually become the idol of youngsters the world over.

English-speaking children tried to pronounce the Dutch name for the saint, San Nicholas. But they said it quickly and excitedly, and soon the name changed to Santy or Santa Claus.

German children speak of Kriss Kringle—French children or Pere Noel (Father Christmas).

How ever they have said it, though, the symbol has remained the same. He is faith, hope, cheer, parental love and family solidarity. And since children are concerned with the "good", they are able to understand Santa Claus as a spiritual personification of that quality in people.

As far as a local application is concerned we must admit that "Sandy Claws" was pretty good to Dave by not only donating him a tree but even putting it up for him.

Of course, we at the News Office were pretty lucky ourselves as Mrs. Santa invited us up to the North Pole to pick out, and cut our tree—but we had to enlist some aid in putting it up.

We've got to give Dave credit for doing such an admirable job on his decorations and it certainly is a big improvement to that end of Main St. It's just too bad that there couldn't have been a couple more trees put up along Main St. Oh well, another year is still coming—we hope!

In reference to the "Letter To The Editor" that appears on this week's Editorial Page, WE ARE GLAD that the Hallowe'en Pranksters Do have the Christmas Spirit, and we are sure that a lot of people have enjoyed "the fun and spirit" of the situation.

Of course, we have been both thanked and blamed for the gift from "Sandy Claws", but according to our staff or "special investigators" we haven't been able to discover one bit of evidence that points to the donor of this fine specimen of "Coniferous Beauty".

The sign appears to be "Hand Lettered" which probably was rather time consuming—while we in the printing business could have done a real professional job of it—and in shorter time too. (more than likely).

The tree is undoubtedly a Scotch Pine raised especially for Christmas, as it is well shaped and trimmed. (From our source of supply we rely on Spruce Trees—they look so neat!) Then too, a 10 to 12 foot tree certainly must be rather heavy and awkward to handle, so—o—it must have taken quite a crew to set it up.

Thus unless some eye witnesses appear it appears that the mystery is apt to remain unsolved!

Speaking of mysteries—we see that "Trustee Charlie" has become a member of the Police Commissioner's staff and was really hard at work with his sleuthing activities—or at least was, last night.

We received a phone call last night reporting a car on the sidewalk in front of Grant's and upon arriving at the scene found "Charles" in command of the situation.

The small car had a SB license which led to the question whether it might be used for a School Bus, but at any rate the biggest question appeared to be "how it got there". While waiting for the Police Force to arrive, "Fearless Fosdick" was overheard to remark

I. H. Gilfillan Dies Unexpectedly

Irving H. Gilfillan, a resident of Andover for the past 35 years, died unexpectedly at his home on Dyke St., Monday morning, December 23, 1963.

Mr. Gilfillan was born September 24, 1878, the son of William Nelson and Elizabeth Henderson Gilfillan of South Ryegate, Vermont.

He was a buyer of maple sugar products for National Sugars Inc., and Fear Co., of St. Johnsbury, Vermont and was a judge of syrup products at the Harrisburg, Pennsylvania State Fair for seventeen years.

He was a member of the Andover Volunteer Fire Department and the Andover Presbyterian Church.

In 1928 he was united in marriage to Mary McDonough Gilfillan, who survives.

Beginning Tuesday friends may call at the James B. Muiholland Funeral Home from 2 until 5 and 7 until 9 p. m.

The committal services will be held at the Funeral Home Thursday at 2 p. m., the Rev. Willis V. Poole, pastor of the Andover Presbyterian Church, officiating.

Hospital Notes

Mrs. Myra Slocum was admitted to the St. James Mercy Hospital this Monday as a surgical patient.

Mrs. Vincent Burrows and infant daughter, returned to their home Friday from the Bethesda Hospital.

Mrs. Rosella Wright admitted to the Jones Memorial Hospital for treatment of injuries sustained in an auto accident, was discharged Thursday.

Mrs. Louis Rossi and infant son were discharged from the Bethesda Hospital Thursday.

New Arrivals

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Thorp (Sharon Wilson) of Rochester, are the parents of a son, born Friday, December 20, 1963 at the Jones Memorial Hospital. Mr. and Mrs. Donald Thorp of Chestnut St., are the paternal grandparents.

News Briefs Of Local Servicemen

Pvt. Leo Burgett of Fort Dix, N. J., is spending the Christmas leave with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Ira Connor of Hill St.

Pvt. Charles Whiting of Ft. Sill, Okla., is home on Christmas leave with his wife and parents, Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Whiting.

Pvt. Harry Campbell of Ft. Sill, Okla., is home on a furlough with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Claire Backus.

William Woodruff of the U. S. Navy, stationed at San Francisco, Calif., is spending Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Woodruff.

"News" Early Next Week

The New Year's issue of the "Andover News" will be published early. Please have your copy in by Saturday, December 28th.

Boost Your Home Town

that whoever did such a thing belong behind bars! However, from our observations, they more than possibly came from "in front of bars", not from behind them. Despite "on the spot" interrogations of the onlookers, no one was forthcoming with any evidence, although we understand that one witness thought he saw two or three men leading the car down the street but was unable to identify the culprits.

Ah well, as long as any damage wasn't done, we guess that it won't be necessary to call in the "Feds" will it?