

THE CHRISTMAS SPIRIT An Editorial

With Thanksgiving, Deer Season and bad weather with its ensuing results in the foreground the last several weeks, the "Christmas Spirit" has been neglected a little.

However, with Wintry Weather and snow on the ground, Christmas Advertising in front of us, and Christmas Parties all around us, comes the sudden realization that Christmas is JUST TWO WEEKS away!

The Village Decorations and Christmas Lights as well as the Christmas Trees in the Island and at the South end of Main St., have been up for well over a week now.

Quite a few residents and some stores have already put up attractive decorations with the North End of Main St., leading the way.

Now it is up to the rest of us — businessmen and residents alike — to decorate our stores and homes in the truly festive Christmas manner.

This year the Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring a plan for the decoration of both homes and business places.

This plan will consist of a contest which will give recognition for homes decorated in the Christmas Season as well as prizes awarded to the High School groups who come up with the best decorated trees in the business district.

We have always had a lot of faith in the young people in our Community and are very pleased in the manner in which they have taken hold of this new idea for local business decorations. By the same token, we are happy with the fine response that we received from the businessmen since everyone that we contacted were willing to go along with the idea.

With 12 merchants participating in the plan, the student groups have decided to follow the theme of the "12 Days of Christmas" which certainly presents a big challenge to their ingenuity and creativeness. We realize that this will require a great deal of thought and planning as well as time involved in the actual mechanical end of it, so we hope that the students will be given all of the co-operation possible by the adults concerned.

We are firm believers in the revival and preservation of our ancient traditions, and when the young people of Andover are interested enough to contribute their share, it would seem that we grown-ups could exert ourselves a little more.

For the stores that don't have the facilities for putting up an outside tree and thus weren't contacted on the above mentioned theme, a decorated Christmas Tree could be put in a front store window — or different ideas for window decorations could be used as displayed by several merchants last year.

We heard many favorable comments last year about the Decorations on Main Street and hope that the same people will again follow their example set previously — or even out do themselves this year.

For ones that haven't had a display before — all we can say is that judging from our own experience, it actually doesn't cost very much for a string or two of lights — these are really an investment anyway as they can be used year after year — all it truly takes is a little "Christmas Spirit" and some hard work. Should you need a little help to put up your decorations, we are sure that your neighbors would only be too glad to "lend a helping hand" during the Yuletide Season, if asked.

In past years we have seen some beautifully decorated homes and stores in Andover. This year let's see if we can't outdo the past and set a precedent for a bright and cheery new future.

As far as the "Andover News" is concerned, we are planning on taking pictures of some of the best decorated places and prize winners with the idea of printing them in the paper to maintain for posterity. Let's hope that you earn a place in these archives!

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50 YEARS AGO

Dec. 11, 1914

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James McGinty, 80, died at his home in Andover Saturday, December 5th. His wife, five sons and two daughters survive.

Miss Nora Cornelius and Earl Baker, both of Elm Valley were united in marriage Wednesday.

George Mead of Bradford, Pa., was greeting Andover friends Thursday.

Mrs. Charles Robinson is visiting at the home of her son, George Robinson of Spencer this week.

Mrs. J. L. Williams was the guest of friends in Hornell and Alfred from Friday until Sunday.

J. R. Brillon of Cleveland, Ohio was a week-end guest of his brother, A. R. Brillon.

40 YEARS AGO

Dec. 5, 1924

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Announcement is made this week that John Karcanes has purchased the Andover Theatre Block from Brown & Snyder.

H. M. Clarke of Independence has been at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Clayton Green the past week.

Miss Marion MacDougald of Portville and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Edgcomb of Knoxville, Pa., were Thanksgiving guests of Rev. and Mrs. A. W. MacDougald.

Mrs. Cynthia Scott has closed her home on Greenwood Street and gone to Cuba to pass the winter at the home of her son, Floyd Scott.

Trooper Harold Kemp of the Batavia Barracks is passing a two weeks vacation with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Kemp.

30 YEARS AGO

Nov. 23, 1934

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Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Milligan are the parents of a daughter, born Saturday, November 17th.

John Lewis, Jr., 16, of Independence lost the sight of his right eye by a charge of shot from a 410 gauge shotgun Sunday.

Ray Boyd and Harold Howland were in Coudersport, Pa., Friday evening to bowl with a Wellsville team.

Mrs. James Peeley returned to Detroit, Mich., Tuesday after a visit at the home of her mother, Mrs. Anne McDonough.

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Watson were in Wayland Monday morning

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where Mr. Watson gave a lecture before the Rotary Club.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Dawson visited his brother, Emmett Dawson of Depew over the week-end and attended the Niagara - Conesus football game in Buffalo.

Jell that used article thru the classified advts.

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