

THE CHRISTMAS SPIRIT

An Editorial

With Thanksgiving just behind us, Deer Season not over with yet, and a couple of wintry days confronting us, our thoughts have been on everything else but Christmas.

Now, all of a sudden, with Christmas Advertising in front of us, and the F.F.A. boys putting Christmas Trees in the planter boxes in front of the business places on Main St., comes the realization that Christmas is just about THREE WEEKS AWAY!

So far, the Village Decorations and Christmas Lights haven't been put up — although last year at this time they were in full evidence together with the Christmas trees in the "Island" and at the South End of Main St. However, we imagine that since the Chamber of Commerce has already taken care of the trees in the business section and some of the business places have theirs decorated, the Village Decorations won't be long in following.

Last year the Chamber of Commerce sponsored a plan for the decoration of both homes and business places, giving recognition for the prize-winning homes, and cash prizes for the High School groups that were in the winning circle.

The 12 groups of students and merchants that participated in this plan did an admirable job on the "12 Days of Christmas" theme that was portrayed and were commended for their civic spirit.

We, at the "News Office", were very pleased with the fine spirit of co-operation shown between the students and Merchants as well as the results achieved. The pictures that appeared in the Andover News after the Holidays were mute evidence of our effort in keeping our promise to maintain these fine results for posterity.

This year, the Chamber of Commerce has launched a plan for "year-round" decorations along Main St., by furnishing the materials that were used in the nice looking planter boxes — as well as supplying the Christmas Trees that are now in them.

Here again, the Students at Andover Central School under the guidance of teachers Al Barden and Frank Russell, have shown their ability, skill and willingness to take part in the community project of Christmas Decorations by building the planter boxes, filling them with stone and dirt, and then mounting Christmas Trees in them.

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

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 lighting up an outside tree — 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.

For the ones that haven't had a display before — all we can say is that judging from our own past experience, it 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.

Another thing that would improve "the Christmas Look" along Main St., would be to have different Civic Groups decorate or put displays in the windows of the vacant stores that stick out like a sore thumb at this time of the year.

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!

GREENWOOD NEWS

Group Young, Reporter

The Union Thanksgiving Service at the Methodist Church Wednesday night was well attended. Rev. Roger Williams gave the message on giving the first fruit from Deuteronomy 26. Elder Carol Bassett, pastor of the R.L.B.S. Church gave the prayer, read the scripture and offered the benediction. Special music was a solo, "O Divine Redeemer" sung by Miss Cheryl Hussey, accompanied by Miss Mary Lee Wendell, classmates at Houghton College.

Members and guests held a family night Thanksgiving dinner at the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints Friday night.

Greenwood Central School closed Wednesday noon for the rest of the week for Thanksgiving holidays. Campbell won the Varsity Basketball game, Tuesday night and Greenwood Jayvees were winners.

The Post Office and Greenwood Office of the First State Bank were closed Thursday. Mrs. Mary Shaut (James) has been employed at the Bank and will work when Mrs. Zeltwanger or Mrs. Higgins have time off.

Herman Wallace, 77, died unexpectedly Tuesday at his home. He had been retired for several years and was presently serving as Town Assessor. After moving to Greenwood from a farm at West Union he was in charge of a feed mill here many years. He then worked in Andover at the late Pottery Plant and after that managed a diner there on Route 17 with his wife.

He is survived by his wife, Grace Burger Wallace, one daughter, Mrs. Fred Short of Wellsville, five sons, Carroll, James, and Ray, and three daughters, Gladys, West Union and Beulah of Andover, eleven grandchildren and 12 great grandchildren; one sister, Mrs. Susan A. ...

He was from one of the pioneer families, well known by everyone. There were many callers at the family home, about 200 Thanksgiving Day. The funeral was held at the home Friday at 2 o'clock in charge of Rev. Roger Williams. Burial was in Greenwood Cemetery.

Mrs. Florence Dibble of the High Up area in Jasper, died Saturday, November 20th at the St. James Mercy Hospital in Hornell where she was a patient for a week. She was 66 years old, the daughter of the late George and Emily Conkey of Greenwood. She had lived on the Jasper farm since her marriage to Byron Dibble 44 years ago. A son, Glenn, died several years ago. She was survived by her husband; a son, Merle Dibble of Andover; a sister, Miss Pearl Conkey of Greenwood; and 8 grandchildren. The Rev. Roger Williams, pastor of the Methodist Church, conducted the funeral service Tuesday at one o'clock at the Smith Funeral Home in Canisteo. Burial was in the Greenwood Cemetery.

Mrs. Homer Banks, Mrs. Clara Krusen, Miss Velma Krusen and Mrs. Howard Sherman attended the funeral of Mrs. Dibble Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Clayton House of the Rock Creek Road, were given a dinner at the M & R Restaurant at Bath November 18th in honor of their 49th wedding anniversary. They were entertained by their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond VanKuren and sons, David and Michael of Hornell.

Mrs. Pearl Bassett went to Buffalo Monday for a check-up at Roswell Park Memorial Hospital.

The Girl Scout Troop gave a Mothers Tea at Greenwood Central School Monday night at 7:30 p. m. Mrs. Mary Jane Peachy, Steuben Council Field Advisor, was invited and brought film on Scouting and discussed Girl Scout work. The girls were presented badges earned during the year. Mrs. James Murphy is the local leader.

The Perk Waters property, south of the Legion Home, was recently sold to Floyd Cady. Work will be done on the house and next summer his daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Gary Clark plan to live there.

Mr. and Mrs. Francis DiVetto and family are moving from the apartment in the home of her sister, Mr. and Mrs. Karl Crittenden to the home next door, now owned

by Mr. and Mrs. Everett Osmin. Franz Terbury returned home from the Bethesda Hospital, North Hornell, Friday where he had been a patient a week.

Mrs. Clara Coates returned home from the St. James Mercy Hospital Friday, where she was a patient three weeks.

G.C.S. alumni home for the holidays included Robert Streeter Nov. 18 - 20, N. of North Carolina at Raleigh; Wayne Warriner, Veterinary Student, Cornell U. at Ithaca; Barbara Lamphier, Susan Edwards, Fredonia State Teachers College; Phyllis Debnat, Sutton High School, Lake City and Sharon Hunt, Geneva State College; Donald Krumb, Buffalo State U. College; Sheldon Kernen, Brockport State College; Gary Christ, Barry Quinn, State Teachers; Arvid University; Stanley Smith, Earl and Wilma; Roger Williamson, Diane Widdoward, Shirley Herrick, Jayne Kruseff, Larry Dieterman, Reed Lowrey, Gary Krusen, Alfred Ag-Tech; Donald Wallace, Erie Tech at Williamsville; Mary Jo McCormick, Oswego State College and Jack York from Learning Community College.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Edwards of Hornell were guests at a family Thanksgiving Dinner at the home of her brother, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Scribner.

Miss Blanche Wallace was in Bath Wednesday to call on her father, Perk Waters, a patient at the Davenport Hospital.

Redmond Goodno of Buffalo spent Thursday to Sunday with his mother, Mrs. J. H. Goodno. Mrs. Walter Redmond and Mrs. M. P. Wheeler were Thanksgiving dinner guests Friday. Mr. R. Goodno took his mother to Hornell to visit her doctor. Her eye has been operated on and she returned home after five weeks with Mrs. Goodno.

Mrs. Claude Daggett and daughter, Miss Charlotte Daggett, and Mrs. Clayton Daggett of Delevan; Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Blossom and two children of Brockport; Mrs. Shirley Holmes and son; Mack of Spencerport were Thanksgiving dinner and overnight guests of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Lamphier.

Mr. and Mrs. Alton York were holiday dinner hosts of her mother, Mrs. Frank Turner and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. James Murphy and family.

Mrs. Pearl Bassett and Mrs. George Bassett were Thanksgiving dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Mitchell and family on the Canisteo Road. Mr. and Mrs. Leon Buxley and family of Stephens Mills were also present.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Gifford and his sister, Miss Sadie Gifford of Buffalo were week-end guests of Miss Sabrey Stephens. Misses Ellen and Grace Young were also dinner guests Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Hussey, faculty members of Roberts Wesleyan College at North Chili spent Wednesday to Monday at their home. Miss Cheryl Hussey, student at Houghton College and classmates Miss Mary Lee Wendell and Miss Ilona Molner came Wednesday night and returned Thursday night after spending Thanksgiving with her parents. The Houghton Choir will sing at North Chili and Rochester this week-end and the Husseys will entertain several girls.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Banks and family of Horseheads, R.D., Mrs. Vivian Lawrence and daughter, Nancy of Corning came for Thanksgiving with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Homer Banks.

Mrs. Elva Sherman and Clarence Webster were hosts Thursday for Thanksgiving dinner for

COMMUNITY LETTERS

News Correspondents

Davis Hill

Mrs. John Billings, Reporter Dec. 1—Mr. and Mrs. Carl Monroe entertained Mr. and Mrs. Terry Monroe and son for Thanksgiving dinner.

Paul Winchell, Diane Mills and Roger Winchell enjoyed Thanksgiving dinner with Mr. and Mrs. John Billings and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Monroe, Janet Lee and William attended the Winchell's Thanksgiving dinner on Friday evening at the Andover Methodist Church as did Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Halsey. They had attended the reception at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Mills in Wellsville.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Winchell of North Tonawanda, Robert Winchell of Wellsville and Mrs. Kathleen Manning of Wellsville were Saturday evening visitors of Mr. and Mrs. John Billings.

Mr. and Mrs. Terry Monroe, son of Carl and Edna Monroe are the parents of a son, born Friday, November 26. The new one is named Kevin Dandel.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Winchell had Sunday dinner with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Billings, upon their return from a short trip over the week-end to Niagara Falls.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Halsey had Thanksgiving dinner with their children and grandchildren at the home of their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Francis Brown in Andover.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Granic entertained Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Hearn of Olean and Mr. and Mrs. Victor Barton of Wellsville for Thanksgiving dinner.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Sisson and sons spent Thanksgiving with Mr. and Mrs. Fred Sisson and the evening with Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Burdick.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Douck and family visited Mr. and Mrs. Harold Sisson, Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Whitesell and daughters, Mr. and Mrs. Allen Whitesell and family were Thanksgiving Day visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Irving Whitesell. Mr. and Mrs. Richard Whitesell and son called Sunday evening.

Appreciation

I would like to thank the people of Andover for the kindness they have shown our family.

Everywhere I look in my home there is something to remind me of their thoughtfulness and generosity.

The Altar and Rosary Society has been especially helpful.

Mrs. Dodge our School Nurse has done so very much to assist us. I would like to be able to thank each of you personally for your kindness.

Thank you again and God Bless You.

Betty McGuire

Appreciation

I wish to thank Dr. Ball, Dr. Comstock and nurses for my care while I was in the Jones Memorial Hospital. Also thanks to my friends and neighbors for their cards, calls and flowers.

Mrs. Harold Rifenburg

Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Terbury, Mr. and Mrs. Everett Osmin, Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Holt, Harley and Karen Holt, Larry Dieterman, Debra Terbury and guest Bill Meehan.

Mr. and Mrs. Orville Matthews were Thanksgiving dinner guests of their nephew and family in Hornell.

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