

CHRISTMAS CHEER "IN SPIRIT" or "SPIRITS"? An Editorial

Christmas Eve will soon be here — a night of peace and good will, and also, ironically, a night of increased death and injury on our highways.

Each December, the death and injury rates climb sharply as the holiday season approaches. Each December, people forget their usual caution and become increasingly careless as their minds become occupied with holiday planning and festivities. Worst of all, they begin to ignore the dangers of driving after drinking.

The problem is not confined merely to party-goers who have substantially over-indulged. It extends to everyone who has been drinking before driving, even though it may only have been a drink or two. Scientific studies have clearly shown that even small amounts of alcohol in the bloodstream result in an immediate impairment of driving ability and judgment. This is so, even though the person affected may not be aware of his handicap and he displays no outward signs of his impairment.

Most of us are well aware of these facts. We have heard them repeated over and over again by public officials, safety educators, and others. Yet many people tend to ignore these truths — they think that they can ignore the consequences of their actions, that for some reason or other, they will not suffer by taking a chance and driving after drinking. It is these people, the ones that think they can escape, who will become our accident statistics this year.

As Editor of the Andover News, and as a private citizen as well, I would like to take this opportunity to urge you not to forget the dangers of drinking and driving this year.

However, if no admonition or plea will stop you from driving after drinking, then — for the sake of your family, friends, and fellow citizens — when you do get behind the wheel, recognize the fact that you are handicapped, no matter how well you feel, and drive with the utmost of caution.

For the safest and merriest of holidays, the choice is really simple — do not drive after drinking!

"Drunks don't get hurt because they are relaxed and roll with the punches". This is a commonly held belief, and it may be so in some cases. But it isn't true when it comes to traffic accidents, says the New York State Department of Motor Vehicles. Intoxicated people get hurt just as badly as sober people, when a car crumples up in a crash. And they are more likely to be in such crashes because alcohol fogs their judgment. So whether you are actually drunk or just a little high, the best advice concerning traffic is to stay away from it. And this applies to pedestrians as well as to drivers — one survey showed that 82% of the adult pedestrians killed by cars had been drinking before the crash.

Some drivers have taken a chance and driven after a few drinks. They managed to avoid an accident, so they think they are different from others — they think that they can drink and drive. However, they're dead wrong as their earlier escapes were solely a matter of luck, not talent. If they keep it up, their dead-wrong judgment may make them dead drivers.

One drink for the road may sound like a good idea, but it isn't. It may feel fine when you take it but it won't be fine when you put your car in a tight spot and suddenly find that you haven't the quick reactions you need to get out of trouble. Thus if you want a drink for the road, make it non-alcoholic. Otherwise, the road you take may be a short-cut to the graveyard.

Remember — the life you save. — Could be your OWN!

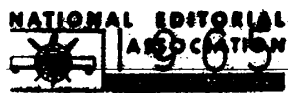
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50 YEARS AGO

Dec. 17, 1915

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Mrs. Wm. Boyle died at her home near Andover Sunday. Her husband and six children survive.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Jenks and son, Fay of Elm Valley, spent Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Simeon Hana.

Mrs. John Barrett and children left Thursday for Dewey, Okla., where Mr. Barrett is employed.

John Oakes arrived at his home in Bath, N. Y., on Thursday after an absence of two years in Santo Domingo, West Indies.

Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Green left Thursday for Warren and Cleveland, Ohio, where they will visit relatives and friends for ten days or two weeks.

Mrs. Miles Briggs left Thursday for Dewey, Okla., where her husband is employed in the oil fields.

Miss Belle Brundage and Mrs. Guy Wood of Newburgh, were guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. Guttinger of Hornell Wednesday and Thursday.

Mrs. Mead of Andover has been spending a few weeks with her son Frank Mead of Elm Valley.

P. M. Swink has moved from the J. L. Williams house on East Ave. into their home on Maple Street.

Atwood and McAndrew are installing a new power on the lease on South Hill.

40 YEARS AGO

Dec. 18, 1925

J. H. Backus & Son, Publishers

John Karcanes, manager of The Sugar Bowl, is having the entire interior of that establishment remodeled and refinished. He expects to re-open Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Jones are the parents of a daughter, Barbara Leona, born Wednesday, December 9th.

Mr. and Mrs. Francis Cornelius of Beach Hill are the parents of a daughter, born Sunday December 14th.

On January 1st, 1926, the new law requiring residents of New York State as well as non-residents to have a license to take fish with a hook and line will become effective.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Ordiway of South Hill are the parents of a son born last week.

Mrs. M. P. Flynn returned Monday from a two weeks visit with her son, Robert and family of Toledo, Ohio.

Miss Alice Smith of Geneseo State Normal is spending the Christmas vacation at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Smith.

John Gorman of Duffy Hollow, died Saturday, December 5th.

Ames Rogers and Claire C. Backus attended the Allegany County Past Grands Council meeting held at Wellsville Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Maynard Scott and son, Llewellyn of Belmont were guests of Mr. and Mrs. John Briggs and family Saturday and Sunday.

George Cummings who is employed in the Oswego Valley Silk Mill at Shinglehouse, Pa., spent the week-end at his home on Greenwood Street.

30 YEARS AGO

Dec. 20, 1935

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Mr. and Mrs. Albert Rogers are the parents of a daughter, Gay Francis, born Friday, December 31st.

John Will, 67, died at his farm home in Shovel Hollow, Friday, December 13th. His widow, two daughters, a son, a brother and a sister survive. Funeral services were held Monday with Rev. R. E. Dronsfeld officiating.

Mrs. Orris Parker was a guest of Mr. and Mrs. Levi Rose of Elmira several days last week.

Attorney Mira Dittin is spending Christmas at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Monaghan of Arkport.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Green motored to Cleveland, Ohio, Friday where they visited their son, Mr. and Mrs. Victor Green and family until Monday.

Attorney and Mrs. C. I. Earley left Saturday for Spruce Pine, N.

GREENWOOD NEWS

Grace Young, Reporter

Sunday morning Rev. Roger Williams welcomed Principal and Mrs. Robert Hoagland into the membership of the Methodist Church by letter of transfer from the Beuna Vista Wesleyan Methodist Church. Mr. Hoagland is a Lay Speaker and was guest speaker December 12th at the First Baptist Church in Newark, N. J. Mr. Hoagland has been a hospital patient this Fall and was in charge of the service. Both Mr. and Mrs. Hoagland are active in the Church and community.

At the Christmas Service at the First Baptist Church, the Rev. Roger Williams gave a gift of money and Christmas cards to the children of the church. Mrs. Hoagland presented a gift of a book to the church. The service was held this week because of the Christmas Community Service at 8 P. M. Thursday night at the Church.

Monday night, Dec. 22nd, the Music Department presented the Christmas program — Fifth and Eighth Grades, at the Central School. Vacation began Wednesday Noon until Monday, January 3rd. Congratulations to Mrs. Ellen Hanbach who will be School Nurse when school re-opens.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Studer are parents of a daughter, Vicki Lynne, born Friday, December 14 at the St. James Mercy Hospital. Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Henry Smith. Mrs. Studer and baby came home Friday and her mother is with her.

Bryon Kirk had an emergency appendicitis operation last Monday night at the St. James Mercy Hospital, Hornell. Scott Kirk entered the St. James Mercy Hospital Thursday and had a tonsilectomy Friday. They are the sons of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Kirk.

Twelve members of the Firemen's Auxiliary attended the Christmas Party. Grace Young was invited to draw the name for the \$25 in cash. George McCaffery received the money. The Auxiliary is earning money to buy dishes and silverware for the Fire Hall. Each lady brought cookies or candy and Mrs. Louise Nye. President was chairman for refreshments.

Thirty young people attended the Junior M.Y.F. Party at the Church Monday night. Saturday afternoon 25 Primary children attended the party. Mrs. Hoagland was in charge of entertainment. Mrs. Jeanne Fisher was chairman of refreshments, assisted by mothers, Mrs. Ann Stephens and Mrs. Genevieve Lamphier. Robert Hoagland appeared as Santa Claus to distribute the gifts.

The Jayvee Basketball Team won by one point at Woodhull Tuesday night; at Avoca Friday night the Varsity suffered quite a defeat 74-75. The Jayvee won by one point again.

Mrs. Patricia Higgins returned to work at the Greenwood Office of First State Bank of Canisteo, Monday morning. She had been out two weeks to care for her son, Dean, who had pneumonia. She was with him at the St. James Mercy Hospital until Wednesday. Mrs. Betty Zeltwanger, employed at the Bank, will have her two weeks of December 19th vacation at her home in Canisteo.

Mrs. Jeanne Ahearn was hostess at her home Wednesday night for a Variety Show in honor of her sister, Mrs. Robert Streeter. She was assisted by her sisters, Betty Simpson of Andover, Mary Drake, Peggy O'Rourke and Alana Brown of Hornell. There were 15 guests, all members of the Brown and Streeter families. The honoree re-

C., where they will pass Christmas at the home of their daughter Mrs. Mark Sheppard and family. Clarence Brutsman and family of West Genesee have moved to the John Mitchell farm in Shovel Hollow.

ceived many lovely gifts and refreshments were served by hostesses.

The Birmingham-Birmingham Legion and Auxiliary, the annual Christmas dinner and exchange at the Post Home Saturday night, December 15th. The committee for the Legion are: Lloyd Chaffee, Hayden Cook, C. Austin and Edward Hulsey. The Auxiliary committee preparing the dinner was: Harriet Clark, Mrs. Austin, Paddy Heckman and Mrs. Hulsey. There were 50

guests. Mrs. Hulsey was drafter for the Ward Woodward. Raymond Barnard, Frank and Paul to where Frank Cook

Edward Palmer moved from North Carolina to work for a week. Mrs. Suzanne Lippert, a native of Greenwood.

Mr. and Mrs. O. E. Kernan met their son-in-law, Walter Bianco at the Buffalo Airport last week and took him to Ontario to be with his wife, Suzanne. He is home from duty in Cuba. Suzanne is attending the Olean Business School and working 5 - 9 p. m., until Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Mullen and daughter, Donna, attended the Scout Roundtable Tuesday night at Christ Episcopal Church in Hornell. Mrs. Mullen and Donna assisted the leader in Den Mothers program.

Robert Streeter, student at the University of North Carolina at Raleigh, arrived home Friday for the holidays. Roger Streeter, student at the Coast Guard Academy at New London, Conn., arrived home Saturday for the holidays. They are sons of Mr. and Mrs. Marion Streeter.

Mr. and Mrs. James Ahearn and family were hosts Sunday for a family gathering of 28, her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alex Brown and family for Christmas dinner. Mrs. Ahearn and daughter of Andover, called in the afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Darold Coddington and family of Dunkirk spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alex Brown. Darold was in an accident a week ago where he works. His hands were badly burned and he is not able to work as yet.

Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Hussey, faculty members at Roberts Wesleyan College at North Chili, and daughter Cheryl, a student at Houghton College, are spending Christmas Holidays at their home.

Miss Barbara Lamphier, student at Fredonia State Teachers College arrived home Wednesday for the Holiday vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lamphier. Barbara has just finished ten weeks Practice Teaching in the College Practice School, working with the Music Supervisor in Kindergarten through the Grades.

Congratulations to Miss Jayne Krusen in the nursing school at Alfred Ag-Tech who recently was named to receive a scholarship from the college. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Franklyn Krusen. Another daughter, Miss Donna Krusen is home for vacation from the State University College at Buffalo.

Lynn Redmond is working during the Christmas Season at the Stevens Murray Men's Shop in Hornell.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Hale and her mother, Mrs. Ellen Hale were guests for a family Christmas dinner Sunday at the home of her sister in Cohocton.

Mrs. Catherine McAllister of Whitesville came Monday to stay with Mrs. Herman Walker, Sr. at her home in Greenwood.

Barry Quinn, Gary Chaffee and Janet Harkenrider, students at Alfred University, arrived home this week Wednesday for the holidays.

Phyllis Leonard, Sharon Herrick, Irene Sky and Sharon Hunt, students at the State University College at Geneseo; Sheldon Kernan from the State University College at Brockport; Susan Edwards from State College at Fredonia; Mary Jo McCormick from the State University College at Geneseo; Wanda Wagner from Cornell University; and Brewster from