

THE CHRISTMAS SPIRIT

An Editorial

With Thanksgiving behind us, Deer Season just over with, and winter weather 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 A.C.S. boys putting Christmas Trees in the planter boxes in front of the business places on Main St., comes the — great awakening — and realization — that Christmas is just about **THREE WEEK AWAY!**

The Village Decorations and Christmas Lights have been in evidence for a couple of weeks as well as several homes have their Christmas Decorations up as well as lighted.

Several years ago, 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.

For the last few years, the Chamber of Commerce has been carrying out a plan for "year-round" decorations along Main St., by furnishing the materials that were used in the planter boxes — as well as supplying the Trees that were put in them.

This year, the A.C.S. students under the guidance of Al Barden, fixed up the planter boxes that were still serviceable, but sad to say, several of the boxes were beyond repair — so this leaves a few gaps along Main Street. However, we understand that plans are underway to come up with something new along the same lines.

We, at the News Office, have been very pleased with the fine spirit of co-operation shown between the Students and Merchants as well as the results achieved. In fact, as far as we could tell, Andover was one of the best decorated and lighted Villages anywhere in the U.S.A. over the past years.

Unfortunately, there were a few "idiots" — that were perhaps trying out for "a juvenile delinquent award" — who stole many of the bulbs out of a few of the Christmas Tree Lights in front of business places along Main St. Hopefully, this mean, despicable caper won't be repeated this year — and perhaps the A.C.S. Students will help "police" the "Christmas Decorations" as they have done in the past — so that the "Christmas Spirit" won't become tarnished here in Andover.

At any rate, now it is up to the rest of us — businessmen and residents alike — to decorate the Main St. 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 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 cherry new future!



50 YEARS AGO

December 3, 1920

J. H. Backus, Publisher

Charles Sumner Davis, 56, died at his home Sunday, November 28. His wife, a daughter and two brothers survive. Interment was in Hillside Cemetery.

William Ray Crandall, 73, died at his home in Independence Sunday, November 28. A son, a daughter, a brother and a sister survive. Interment was in Independence.

Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Langworthy are the parents of a daughter, Martha, born at their home in Railroad Valley, Thursday, November 25th.

William L. Slocum, 45, died Tuesday, November 30th. His wife and two daughters survive. Interment was in Hillside Cemetery.

Mrs. Floyd Pease and son, Cleon of Greenwood are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Potter of Independence this week.

Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Crandall of Independence, spent the week-end guests of his mother, Mrs. E. R. Crandall of Little Genesee.

R. C. Baker of Salamanca spent Thanksgiving with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. S. Baker of Tip Top.

Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Baker and daughter and Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Baker and daughter of Andover were dinner guests at the home of F. M. Lee of Tip Top Thanksgiving Day.

Uriah Davis of Rochester, was called to Andover this week by the death of his uncle, Charles Davis.

Lewis Hitchcock is spending a few days with his sister, Mrs. Addie Rude at Middleberrie Center, Pa.

Mrs. Ophelia Comstock has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. Lintford Potter of Independence this week.

C. A. Zines and G. H. Feebe were business visitors in Buffalo the first of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Fluhr and family of Canisteo, were Thanksgiving guests of their sister, Mrs. Mary Walsh.

Mrs. Roxanna Burrows returned Saturday from New York City where she had been a guest at the home of her son, F. W. Burrows.

Roy Brundage and family have returned to Andover after a year's residence in Buffalo.

Mrs. John Quigg went to Conneaut, Ohio the last of the week to visit friends and meet her husband on his return from Texas where he had been for four months.

Mrs. Betsy Clark of Alfred Station spent several days last week guests of Miss Alice Clark and other relatives in this vicinity.

Mrs. Charles Strong of Oklahoma has been passing the week with her aunt, Mrs. Clara Crandall.

Martin O'Donnell of Elmira was a week-end guest of his sister, Mrs. E. Dean.

Miss Julia Raufenbarth has returned to Lynnbrook, N. J., to resume her teaching duties in the school there.

40 YEARS AGO

December 5, 1930

J. H. Backus & Son, Publishers

Mrs. Mary Lane Remington, 80, died Friday, November 28th at Silver Springs. Two sons, a daughter, a sister and a brother survive. Interment was in the Whitesville Cemetery.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Dawson are the parents of a son, born Wednesday, December 3.

Nancy Rice and John Monroe, both of Andover, were united in marriage Wednesday, December 3 by Rev. R. C. Shergur.

Mrs. Martha Orvis entertained a company of over thirty relatives for Thanksgiving Day at her home on Elm Street. This has been an annual event in the Orvis home for many years.

Fisher Bros. are breaking ground to build a house on Second Street having purchased a lot of George Barrett.

Mrs. John Lever is substituting for Miss Dorothy McLoughlen, teacher in the second grade, who is ill.

Clarence Jacob has purchased the Ellis farm near Alfred and is moving on same.

ALBANY

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by Alex Rankin

The annual Albany money (from taxpayers) hassle got new vigor recently with the announcement that the state Department of Social Services is going to seek a 7.2 per cent increase for welfare recipients.

The cost in the state budget would be \$115 million.

What will really couch off the warfare among legislators is the recommendation, that the present regional system of figuring allowances be scrapped and replaced with a single, statewide grant.

The proposal of the board of social welfare, which sets policy for the department, would hike the payments to \$248 a month for a family of four, and that doesn't include rent and heat.

In the counties of Erie, Niagara, Allegany, Cattaraugus, Chautauqua, Genesee, Steuben and Wyoming the present figure is \$203 a month. In other counties excluding the counties of New York City, the present figure is \$208 a month and in New York City it is \$231 a month.

Even before this announcement

was made it was an almost foregone conclusion that the state legislature will be asked to pass some kind of a tax hike next year.

But, if the welfare department's request is granted, you can bet county governments in many counties in the state will also be asking for tax increases.

The department had more bad news for the taxpayer.

At the present time state taxpayers are supporting an average monthly caseload of about \$1.5 million.

The board predicted that this figure will jump up by about \$200,000.

At the present time the state welfare system costs about \$3.5 billion a year, with the state, federal and local governments splitting about evenly the cost three ways — \$1 billion each.

The board said the 7.2 per cent increase is a "cost of living" increase, which the board is required by law to make each year to the monthly schedule. The amount is tied to statistics provided by the U. S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

ing on same.

Miss Genevieve McCormick of Barney Mills, spent from Thursday until Sunday in Buffalo visiting friends.

Miss Mary O'Boyle was home from Jamestown where she is teaching for the week-end.

Miss Winona Earley returned home Saturday from Hartford, Conn., where she has been visiting relatives for several weeks.

Harold Slocum of Hornell visited his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. David Slocum over the Thanksgiving vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. John Nobles and family and Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Meade spent Thanksgiving with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Mead.

Dan Witter, spent Thanksgiving with his son, Sheridan Witter at Buffalo.

Miss Ruth Parker was home from Bolivar for Thanksgiving with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Parker.

Mrs. W. S. Calhoun and nephew Charles Hall, left Wednesday for Daytona Beach, Fla., to pass the winter.

Elmer and Harold Church spent from Wednesday until Monday with Mr. and Mrs. Fred Church at Allentown, Pa.

George McAndrew and Mrs. Ella Dougherty motored to Buffalo and were week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Dougherty.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Guinn and two children of Port Jervis, N. Y. spent from Thursday to Sunday guests of his mother, Mrs. James Guinn.

The dance held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Northrup of West Greenwood, Wednesday night was well attended. Mr. and Mrs. Freeman Rogers furnished the music.

30 YEARS AGO

December 5, 1940

Claire C. Backus, Publisher

Miss Ruth Merry of Scio spent the week-end at the home of her sister, Mr. and Mrs. E. O. Ballerstein.

Miss Aileen Walsh of North East, Pa., visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Walsh from Friday until Sunday. Her mother returned to North East with her for a week's visit.

Dr. John Common, 67, died at his home on Church Street, Thursday, December 5 following a long illness. His wife, a son and his mother survive. Interment was in Hillside Cemetery.

Miss Virginia Irene Bloss of Canisteo, former of Andover, and Thomas A. Fulda of Towanda, Pa., were united in marriage Saturday, November 30th.

Miss Lina Irene Crowner of Elm Valley and Bernard Joseph Kennedy of Rochester, were united in marriage Saturday, November 30th

at the bride's home.

Gordon Pease was installed as Master of the West Greenwood Grange Wednesday evening, December 4th.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Hale of Slate Creek, are the parents of a son, born Friday, November 29th.

Mrs. Anna Benjamin of Andover spent from Friday evening until Monday afternoon with her mother, Mrs. Alice Livermore of South Hill.

Mr. and Mrs. Everett Clark of South Hill, motored to Syracuse Monday to spend a few days. Their daughter, Mary Lou is staying with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. John Lewis of Independence.

Herman Jackson of Elm Valley is attending a milk meeting in Syracuse as a member of the auditing committee.

Mrs. Lizzie Burdick of Elm Valley, passed a few days last week with Mr. and Mrs. George Rucker of Stannards.

Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Jackson of Elm Valley, were pleasantly surprised Friday evening by a company of relatives and friends who came to help them celebrate their thirty-fourth wedding anniversary.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Halsey and son have moved from South Hill to Hallsport where he is employed on the Richardson farm for the coming year.

Mrs. Eda Sheppard of Alfred was a guest over the week-end of Mrs. Florence Earley.

Miss Helen L. Green of Canton, Ohio, visited her sister and family Mr. and Mrs. V. C. Sweet several days last week.

Frank Nye of Reading Center was an overnight guest of his son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Otto Nye, Friday.

Curtis Burdick left Friday for Brey, Calif., where he expects to spend several months.

Miss Bernice Williams has returned home from Perry where she passed several months.

Mrs. Lewis Howe and Mrs. Eva Hazlett spent from Thursday until Saturday at the home of their sister and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Briggs of Stannards, due to the illness of Mr. Briggs.

Elwin Clark of Odessa, was an overnight guest Saturday of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Clark of Swain Hill and an overnight guest Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Coats.

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