



### Rev. John R. Shea Dies Suddenly

Reverend John R. Shea passed away quietly Wednesday morning, June 26, 1974 at the Catholic Rectory, Church St., Andover, N. Y., after suffering from poor health for the past several years. Rev. Joseph Fiore administered the last Rites and Apostolic Blessing.

Father Shea was born in Wellsville January 12, 1893, the son of Michael and Agnes Murphy Shea with a brother Mack and sister Teresa residing on North Main Street in Andover, and one brother, Jerome, deceased.

He received his early education in District School No. 2 on South Hill outside Wellsville, attended Immaculate Conception School for his first year in High School and transferred to Wellsville High to complete his schooling, graduating in June 1916. From Wellsville, he went to Saint Michael's College at Toronto University in Canada, graduating in 1920; furthering his education by studying abroad at Urban College Propaganda in Rome, Italy for four years and received his ordination at St. John Lateran in Rome, by Archbishop Palica on April 19, 1924.

Father Shea returned to the Buffalo diocese with his first assignment as priest as an assistant pastor at Holy Family Church in Buffalo. He also served in this capacity at St. Mark's and Holy Cross in Buffalo, and in January, 1936 was made Vicar Substitute at St. Paul's of the Cross at Dayton, N. Y., as the regular pastor was in poor health. In 1939 he was made the pastor of St. Paul's of the Cross, St. Joan of Arc at Perrysburg and also made Chaplain at J. N. Adams Hospital at Perrysburg. While serving the parish at Dayton, two young seminarians, were sent to aid Father Shea with the Summer Vacation School, the Rev. McCormick, now retired, and the Rev. Henry Kawalic, now Msgr. Kawalic, serving Queen of Peace Church in Buffalo.

In 1942, Father Shea was made pastor of Sacred Heart Church at Lakewood; in October 1943, was assigned to become pastor of Holy Trinity at Dunkirk, N. Y., and in July 1945 was sent to serve the parish at St. Michael's at Warsaw, N. Y.

Bishop O'Hara of Buffalo, in November 1947, named Rev. Shea to assume the pastorate of Blessed Sacrament Church at Andover, which he served for twenty-eight years. Since becoming parish priest at Blessed Sacrament Parish Father Shea celebrated his 25th Anniversary to the Priesthood; his 40th Anniversary, which no other priest had celebrated; but on April 19th was not able to celebrate his 45th Jubilee due to illness.

Due to a change made in the

Diocese of Buffalo in 1970, St. John of the Cross Parish of Whitesville was added to Father Shea's duties to serve as pastor for both parishes and at this time, Blessed Sacrament Church was given an assistant to help with the duties of the two parishes. Rev. Robert Stolinski and Rev. Robert Cymerman each served three months with Father Shea and in December 1970, Rev. Joseph A. Fiore was assigned to serve under Father Shea and is still serving as assistant.

In October 1971, Father Shea was hospitalized for five months at Jones Memorial Hospital and St. James Mercy Hospital due to a heart condition and later, surgery was performed which curtailed his priestly duties.

The Parish Celebration to honor Rev. Shea on the 50th Anniversary of his ordination to the Holy Priesthood with Bishop Edward Head presiding, scheduled for Sunday, June 22, 1974 was postponed due to his ill health. However, he was able to celebrate a Special Mass for the Parishoners, Relatives, and Friends on May 10, with Rev. Francis Jann, Pastor of St. Patrick's, Belfast, taking part in the Mass. A small reception followed in the Rectory with many of the long-standing parishoners in attendance.

Friends will be received starting at 7 p. m., Thursday evening and Friday at the Blessed Sacrament Church Rectory. A procession will be formed here to proceed to the Blessed Sacrament Church on Friday evening at 7:15 p. m. for the Funeral Mass at 7:30, to be officiated by Father Joseph Hassler, Dean of Allegany County. Mass of Christian Burial will be held Saturday, June 29 at 11 a. m. at the Blessed Sacrament Church by the Auxiliary Bishop of Buffalo Bernard McLaughlin, D.D.

Parishoners are being requested to volunteer to remain in Vigil for periods of 1 hour duration following the Funeral Mass on Friday evening until the Mass of Christian Burial Saturday morning. A list will be posted in the Rectory during visitation hours Thursday evening and Friday for Parishoners signature.

Burial will be in the Sacred Heart Cemetery, Wellsville.

### News Briefs Of Local Servicemen

Major Robert Grossman, is visiting at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Grossman. He has graduated from United States Army Command and General Staff College at Ft. Leavenworth, Kansas and is on his way to Korea in July.



### Sesqui News

A Special Meeting of the Sesqui Executive Committee was held Monday evening at Headquarters, with Chairman James Mulholland presiding.

Business conducted was re-opening for discussion the motion of last week when the charges to concessionaires had been voted. This week there were changes made. No charge will be asked of a non-profit concession which is set up on the Village Streets or in the Town, except those placed on the Mid-Way (school property). A donation will be expected from those concessions exempt of a definite charge. Charges of all out-of-town concessions was set at \$100.00.

Now is everyone happy? There are copies of the anticipated budget at Headquarters, which perhaps should be checked by some who so strongly oppose the Sesqui Funds and even more strongly favor making profits for their own organizations (again using the term loosely).

The Committee approved Queen Candidates who were from Andover Central School District, even though some of these had surfaced from other townships.

Belles and Beards your 40% is from the Net, not the Gross take of your groups.

The young couple changed their own minds about getting married at Sesqui activities. NO ONE connected with the Sesqui in any way helped them to make their own decision.

Hopefully the Street Banners will be up by July 4.

Jasper and Belfast have asked that Andover be represented at their parades on July 4. Please don't forget that ANDOVER needs some representation also.

Friendship is celebrating July 29. Some should plan to go there also — especially if you are Republicans. (That's the kind of comment that sets telephones ringing.)

Queens' Contest was discussed and the (apparent) unhappiness of Mr. General Public was noted. Some of us who attended the Tea held at ACS last Sunday didn't note dissention of the ranks — in fact the ranks were slim indeed. So now this is back in "hands of committee" — Queens' Committee that is. We'll know more after next Monday night. Incidentally there will be 1200 plates to be sold by SOMEONE.

So there it is! 3 equals 3, but put three over here and a brand new three over there and what does it equal? Oh yes, I remember PEACE — so let's have it! 10-4



Arthur Kemp was admitted to the Jones Memorial Hospital, Sunday as a medical patient.

Frank Cahill, a medical patient in the Jones Memorial Hospital, was discharged, Wednesday.

Lawrence Fritchard of Whitesville, father of Mrs. John Strouse, of Church St., was taken by ambulance to the Jones Memorial Hospital, Wednesday night.

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### Tribute To Harriet Hoover

In tribute to Mrs. Alvin Hoover who resigned June 1, 1974, after 10 years of dedicated service as librarian of the Andover Free Library:

It is often difficult to state changes which take place each year, but a decade is a good space of time in which to see change. During the last ten years continued repairs have preserved the original beauty of our building. The roof is in fine shape. Leaks have been corrected by repairing the built-in gutters and replacing downspouts. Painting inside and out has been done when needed. Aluminum storm windows were installed. The grounds around the library are well kept.

Changes go deeper than paint and brick. In ten years 5629 books have been added. Of these 224 were given as Memorials; 544 as outright gifts; 1333 through the Southern Tier Library System in grants and gifts; and 2831 added by our own library. Recently a complete book by book inventory of the entire stock has been made. This spring in May 1974, we added new equipment in the form of files, chairs, a metal storage cabinet and a dictionary stand due to a grant of \$750 from the Southern Tier Library System.

No one knows how many hours a librarian spends. The advancement and success of our library shows us that Harriet Hoover's decade of service has benefited our Village and Town. We thank her!

Our new librarian is Mrs. Robert Rowley. Carol has had six years of experience in our library. We wish her many happy years of service.

During the summer the library hours will be the same: Monday and Wednesday evenings from 7:00 - 9:00 and Friday and Saturday afternoons from 1:00 - 3:00.

Beginning in September the library will be open four more hours a week: Monday and Wednesday evenings from 6:30 - 9:30 Friday afternoon 1:00 - 3:00, Saturday morning 10:00 - 12:00, and Saturday afternoon 1:00 - 3:00.

Board of Trustees  
Andover Free Library

### The Mayor's Column

by James Bliss

Next week we celebrate the 4th of July. We expect to have a large number of people in town to help us observe this National Holiday.

We are going to restrict parking on a few of the streets close to the school to allow traffic to move smoothly. Another consideration is to enable emergency vehicles to move quickly if necessary. Your co-operation in observing our no parking signs will make the celebration a little better and safer for everyone.

I think we all owe a debt of gratitude to the 4th of July Parade Committee for putting this affair together.

### Andover Senior Citizens Select 1974-75 Officers

The Andover Senior Citizens met at the Grange Hall, June 17th with 37 members and 1 guests, Laura Foster, present.

The Nominating Committee selected the following Officers for the 1974-75 year:

- Margaret Karnes — President
- Leona Glover — Vice-President
- Florine Tomm — Secretary
- Gladys Livergood — Treasurer
- Mary Burns — Corresponding Secretary
- Bessie Mulconery — Historian
- Earl Atwell — In charge of the Guest Book

The next meeting will be July 1st at the Grange Hall.

Workers on the Dinner Committee are the following: Margaret Karnes, Grace Burger, Ruth York and Mary Yannie.

### School Board Holds Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of the voters of Andover Central School, Dist. No. 1, was called to order Tuesday evening, June 25, by Dr. Walker. Nominations were opened for Chairman of the meeting. Nominated was Lawrence Corwin.

The Chairman of the meeting appointed two tellers — Mr. Woodruff and Mr. Baker.

Minutes of the last Annual Meeting were read by the Clerk, Mary K. Slade. The Chairman asked for approval of the minutes. The minutes were approved unanimously.

Mrs. Kelley read the Tax Collector's Report.

Amount of Taxes Levied

\$225,267.65

Total Taxes Collected 202,849.62

Total Taxes Returned 23,208.24

The Chairman asked for motion to accept the Tax Collector's Report. Motion was made by Frank Russell and seconded by Fred Sisson. Motion was carried by a unanimous vote.

Mr. Jordan presented the proposed Annual Budget for the school year 1974-75. The Budget is for \$932,541.54. A motion was made to vote on the budget — ballots were passed out. The count was 33 yes and 8 nays.

The Chairman read the petition of Dr. William Walker for Board Member to succeed himself. The tellers counted the vote resulting in a total of 37 ayes — 1 nay and one write in vote for Mr. Baker.

The Chairman read the Bus Purchase Resolution. The Vote was 35 Ayes and 4 Nays. Purchases are not to exceed \$19,509.05 for two buses.

Mr. Corwin read the School Repair Bond. The Repair Bond will be used to repair and or replace electrical fixtures and wiring; roofing, heating, phone system, etc. The Repair Bond was passed by 37 Ayes and 7 Nays.

A motion was made and seconded that the meeting be adjourned.

### Rev. J. E. Weimer Appointed Pastor Blessed Sacrament

The Rev. Joseph E. Weimer was appointed Administrator effective June 17th to Blessed Sacrament and St. John of the Cross at Whitesville.

Father Weimer was born in Lancaster and attended St. Mary's Grammar and High School in Lancaster, completed his studies at St. Bonaventure University and Christ the King Seminary and was ordained June 7, 1941. He served parishes in Kansas before returning to serve the Buffalo diocese again in 1970 and was assistant pastor of Our Lady of Peace, Clarence before his assignment to Andover.

Rev. John R. Shea, pastor of Blessed Sacrament for 28 years, had retired and Rev. Joseph Fiore, assistant pastor since December of 1970 will receive a new assignment shortly.

Rev. William J. Roche, associate pastor at Sacred Heart Niagara Falls, was assigned to pastor of Sacred Heart, Angelica and Sacred Heart at Friendship, effective June 17th, when 20 priests were given new assignments.

### "Brothers-of-the-Brush" News

Brothers-of-the-Brush — your Pins are in! Come to the Sesqui-Centennial Headquarters and pick them up!

A special thank you is sent out to Ernie Burdick for his time in lettering the names of Brothers-of-the-Brush Chapters on the Charters. It was highly appreciated. Ernie is one of you Brothers who unselfishly donates his time and talent to a project.