

KEEP CHRISTMAS — "MERRY" !! An Editorial

A man's home may be his castle — but during the Christmas holidays, it is more susceptible to fire than at any other time of the year.

Because of this intensified fire hazard created by holiday decorations, all families should have an escape plan worked out and rehearsed for use in case of fire.

Last year's death toll from fires in December was over 825, with the property loss accompanying these deaths running way up in the millions.

Part of these staggering losses could be directly attributed to Christmas Trees and Decorations. Thus in order to at least eliminate this source of fire during the Christmas Holiday Season, here are some suggestions that should be followed:

When buying a Christmas Tree — shop around if necessary — but buy only a fresh tree! Stroke the needles on a branch of the tree you are planning to buy with your hand.

A tree kept out-of-doors will stay fresh much longer than one in the house. So, if possible, keep your tree outside until before Christmas — and be sure to put it in a pail of water as soon as you get home with it.

When you bring the tree inside the house to decorate it, put the tree in the coolest part of the room — away from radiators, hot air ducts, and fireplaces.

To help keep your tree fresh longer, you should use a tree stand with a metal container that can be filled with water. The container should be filled with water immediately, and then re-filled daily until the tree is taken down.

Only tree decorations made of glass, metal, or some other non-combustible material should be placed on the Christmas Tree.

White plastic foam, a popular material for ornaments and centerpieces may seem fireproof, but in fact, burns easily and can be ignited by a spark. Another fire hazard is created by mixing angel hair and snow spray on a tree.

Check Christmas tree lights before placing them on the tree to be sure they are in good operating condition. Strings of lights with frayed wires or faulty sockets should be replaced with new ones.

Christmas tree lights should be turned off at night — and — NEVER leave lights on when everyone is away from home.

If you have a metal tree, do not decorate it with Christmas lights as they could cause a short circuit instead, use an off-the-tree lighting arrangement.

And last — but not least — when the needles start dropping off the tree, take it down even though you had planned on leaving it up a few days longer.

Christmas wrappings should be removed as quickly as possible, but they should not be burned in the fireplace.

Then after following all these suggestions, have a "Merry Christmas" — without fear of a disastrous fire over the Holidays !!!



News From Albany by Assemblyman James L. Emery

Geneseo — The office of Assemblyman James L. Emery (R-Geneseo) announced his schedule for the week beginning December 13, 1974, as follows:

Friday — December 13th, 10:15 - 11:15 a. m., Mr. Emery will conduct a question and answer session for pupils in Mary Hammond's class at the Livonia Primary School.

Monday — December 16th, at noon Assemblyman Emery will attend a meeting at Strong Memorial Hospital in Rochester with Dr. Lowell Orkison, Dean of the Medical School at the University of Rochester and his staff, along with Rochester area Legislators to discuss current problems facing the medical profession.

EMERY SEEKS TAX EXEMPTIONS IN 1975

Albany — Continuing his legislative campaign to institute meaningful tax breaks for taxpayers in this State, Assemblyman James L. Emery (R-Geneseo) has pre-filled three more pieces of legislation calling for tax exemptions in certain categories.

— Increase the State's personal income tax exemption from \$650 to \$750.

— Grant an unincorporated business tax exemption to all farmers whose income is under \$10,000.

— Exempt the first \$200 of interest from passbook accounts and certificates of deposit from income taxation.

Assemblyman Emery had pre-filled three measures also involving tax exemptions earlier in November.

The proposal to increase the personal income tax exemption to \$750 would bring the State's exemption in line with the Federal figure which is presently \$750, according to Emery. It would mean an estimated savings of \$90 million to the State's taxpayers.

However, Emery estimates that localities would be forced to take a cut in their proportion of State revenue sharing.

Concerning the tax break proposal aimed at farmers, Emery said: "At present there is a gross inequity in our tax laws as it pertains to farmers managing an unincorporated farm. These farmers must pay not only a personal income tax on their proceeds, but also a business tax. This is an obvious case of double taxation, and must be stopped.

"Another important consideration for this exemption," the Geneseo Republican continued, "is the resulting increased farm production which, in all probability, will be realized from this legislation. During a time of food shortages and rising food prices, we must do all we can to create an incentive for increased food production and a stable food market. This should mean a \$1 million tax savings for farmers in this State."

Emery noted that this exemption proposal was for farmers with a net taxable income of \$10,000 or under.

The third Emery tax break measure would serve a dual purpose. An exemption of the first \$200 of interest on passbook account would result in a higher after-tax yield to savers, possibly encouraging them to leave their savings with these institutions for an extended period of time. As a result, this may aid these banks and savings and loan associations to finance home construction and equipment. "It would also be a way of partially restoring the value of interest income which has been eroded by inflation and taxation," he said.

However, Emery noted that this proposal would probably mean a revenue loss of \$10 million to the State.

"As I said when I filed my first tax break measures," Emery concluded, "the very first effort which must be made by the Legislature in 1975 is to help out those with low and middle incomes in this State who are now caught in the squeeze of spiraling inflation and unbearable taxes. It is my hope that support for these tax break proposals will mount and they will be considered as one of the first orders of business when we convene in January."

The three measures are co-sponsored by Assemblyman-elect John R. Zagame (R-Oswego).

Dec. 8, 1974 To The Editor: Andover News

The economy of this country is in a perilous state; we have inflation with high unemployment; we have inflation with recession; Our farmers are faced with inflationary costs and prices in return that are totally inadequate to stay even. He has the choice of going out of business, going deeper in debt, or living out of capital. Our small schools are faced with inflation and as to their costs of operation in excess of state aid, they are limited to property taxation. Independent contractors are caught between sky rocketing costs of operation and customers that can not afford the difference. Our white and blue collar workers are faced with fixed incomes and costs that go up almost daily.

The taxpayer has already been obligated to assist those in need; the unemployed, the unemployable, the deserted families, etc. and to a certain extent this is proper.

However, it would also seem proper, at this time, for our politicians to consider the already heavy burden placed upon the shoulders of the taxpayers and use all diligence and recourse to alleviate the burden or at least refrain from adding to it for expensive programs that CAN wait or for salary increases to public servants that in some instances, exceed the total income of many Allegany Co. residents.

Had the Board of Legislators acted with feeling for their constituents in the past; if they had placed priorities in proper perspective, our small schools, which people prefer, could have benefited from a portion of the sales tax, thus reducing the property tax pain, somewhat. Of course, this would have meant discarding the dream of the "Belmont Mall" It wouldn't even require a \$10,000 study or for that matter, it wouldn't even require a planning board or any other extension of bureaucracy.

I would also like to point out that there are communities in this country where the political powers wisely used Federal Revenue Sharing and have been able to bring relief to the overburdened taxpayers in their areas.

The County budget calling for an increase in expenditures of nearly 23% is inexcusably inflationary.

To quote John Dickinson (about 1774): "But when we sow — reap — gather — and thresh — for others, whose pleasure is to be the SOLE LIMITATION, how much they shall leave, WHY should we repeat the unprofitable toll? Horses and oxen are content with that portion of the fruits of their work, which their owners assign them, in order to keep them strong enough to raise successive crops but even these beasts will not submit to draw for their masters until they are subdued by whip and goads."

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50 YEARS AGO

December 5, 1924

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John Karcenas buys the Enterprise Block from Brown and Snyder — One of the largest real estate deals ever consummated in Andover was accomplished this past week when John Karcenas purchased the Enterprise Block, corner of Main and Greenwood Streets and where Andover's popular theater — The Enterprise is located. The property was purchased of Brown & Snyder thru the Calhoun Real Estate Agency.

John will take possession of his new property January 1, 1925.

Miss Viola Wildman entertained Rev. and Mrs. MacDougal Tuesday evening with 23 members of the Epworth League. Those taking part were Edna Barrett, Ruby Robinson, Fern Greene and Marjory Williams.

The Union Thanksgiving Service was held at the Seventh Day Baptist Church, Thursday evening. The Rev. W. L. Greene was the speaker and special music was by the union choir under the direction of Mrs. Will Bines and Miss Minnie Chair.

Miss Anna C. O'Leary entertained a party of young people at her home in honor of Miss Edna Barrett of Buffalo.

The Entre Nous Club was entertained Friday night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Temple.

Miss May Dean Louis and Howard Dean of South Hill were among the guests entertained by Anna O'Leary of Andover, at her home Friday night.

About 100 attended the Community Thanksgiving Day Dinner at Independence.

Mrs. P. J. Dougherty and daughter, Irene, were shopping in Hornell, Saturday.

Andover High School opened the 1924-25 Season with a win over Arkport November 26, by a score of 39-11. The players from Andover were: Horton, Church, Alford, Downer, Livermore and Howland.

Lindford Horton, Gerald Hann and Wallace Cummings attended the Older Boys Conference at Salamanca, Friday and Saturday.

The Sugar Bowl is making Homemade Candy.

December 12, 1924

Miss Evelyn W. McAndrews, 41, died at her home on Chatham St., December 4. She was born in Andover, the daughter of Richard and Honora Welsh McAndrews. She is survived by her father, four

sisters, Mrs. James Boyle of Belfast, Mrs. John Keough of Wellsville, Nora McAndrew and Mrs. D. J. Appier of Andover and one brother, Edward of Andover. Burial was in St. John's Cemetery.

Mrs. George Wilson, (Lulie) born March 19, 1862 in Alfred a daughter of Leland and Martha Adams Cook, died in Los Angeles, Calif., December 2. In early life she married Harry Myers, who died 21 years ago, and later to George Wilson who survives besides one brother, James F. Cook of New Milford, Ohio. The body was returned to Andover where funeral services were held with burial in Hillside Cemetery.

Thomas Flynn, 72, died December 7 at his farm home 3 1/2 miles south-east of Andover, where he had passed his entire life. He is survived by one brother, M. P. Flynn and a sister, Julia. Burial was in St. John's Cemetery, Andover.

Rev. C. C. Conrad of Newark, N. J., has accepted a call to the First Baptist Church of Andover and will assume the pastorate on January 4, 1925.

Tuesday morning the Fire Company was called to the farm home of George Barrett on Corwin Hill. The building was practically consumed before they arrived. It is not known how the fire started, but Mr. Barrett left a fire in the kitchen when he came to Andover with milk.

Paul Childs is working at the Horan Hardware.

Mrs. Lynn Trowbridge entertained the Entre Nous Club Tuesday evening.

The Sugar Bowl has just installed a new electric toaster and are ready to serve you with an electric toasted sandwich most toothsome. The new machine is from the C. V. Champion Company, Indianapolis Ind.

The next regular meeting of (Continued on Page Three)

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