

## News That's Print To Fit

Well folks, here we are again beginning another New Year with many new and exciting things ahead of us such as: Our National Bi-Centennial Celebration; Our Local Annual Maple Festival; Local Annual Fourth of July Celebration; etc. — as well as the unpredictable disasters that are bound to be the fate of mortals of the human race! And, as far as these are concerned, all we can do is hope that we are strong enough to cope with them — and still "hang in there!"

Then too it is commonly accepted that we are "creatures of habit" and like to follow a certain pattern year after year — until all of a sudden something unforeseen happens — and we have to face the plain facts that some things just can't go on forever! And then we realize that: "Memories Are Made Of This!"

For many years it was a family tradition to have a family get-together on Christmas Eve, exchange Christmas presents, have the traditional oyster stew and midnight snack and then a big Christmas Day Dinner. Then, along comes a point in time when the family circle dwindles down to a small handful — and these few are scattered all over the country. So, you fall back, regroup, and start out anew with new plans.

Several years ago we started having an annual Christmas Tree Trimming Party which turned out to be a real "Fun Tradition" until it was "wiped out" last year with our own uncertain health and a trip to the Robert Packer Clinic. And, this year, family members from Florida took their vacation from December 12th thru the 22nd to come up and visit us so that we could get acquainted with our two great-nephews aged 4 and 6.

However, "Dame Fortune" did smile on us fleetingly and we were able to carry out our annual plans started several years ago of attending the Annual Sugar Bowl Game in New Orleans on New Year's Eve!

In fact, this year's classic will certainly go down in "our bank of fond memories" since among other things, our Alma Mater, the University of Alabama, defeated Penn State 13-6 in the Sugar Bowl Game, and it was played in the New Orleans "Super-Dome!"

Just the Stadium alone is "mind-boggling" with its covered ramp parking areas all around the big oval; inclined ramps — not steps — to all of the concourses; comfortable upholstered seats with arm rests like in movie theatres; the temperature constantly controlled between 70-72 degrees; five huge TV screens above the playing field that can be seen from any seat in the stadium showing close-up shots of the action as it took place — as well as showing instant re-play shots after each play; and also lounges where legal beverages were sold as well as food concessions. Also, when everything is completed, we were told that there would be an infirmary with all modern equipment staffed with Doctors and Nurses on the ground floor to take care of any emergencies that might arise when a throng of 80,000 people are gathered together in one spot.

In the previous games that we had attended at Tulane Stadium we had to park a long ways away walk what seemed miles, sit on benches with someone's knees in your back, freeze to death in the cold evening air, walk back to the car afterwards — and then get caught in a huge traffic jam that took what seemed like hours to get out of. In this new complex we were out of the stadium in 15 minutes — and back home within half an hour!

What made the package all the "sweeter" was the fact that our "Southern Host", Charles "Chuck" Whiting, Subl (formerly from South Andover, well-ll, Maple St., anyway) had secured seats on the ground concourse between the 40 and 50 yard-lines, just 11 rows up from the edge of the playing field.

## Francis Nichols

Francis Nichols of R.D. 3, Wells-ville, died Sunday, January 4, 1976 at his home.

He was born in Franklinville, January 11, 1913, a son of Edward and Cora Crandall Nichols.

Mr. Crandall was a retired truck driver.

He married the former Leona Meek, who survives. Also surviving are his mother, Mrs. Cora Snedeker of Andover; two daughters, Mrs. Joyce Gavitt of Genesee, Pa., and Mrs. Nickie Howard of Little Genesee; a brother, Howard Nichols of Andover; a sister, Miss Dorothy Nichols of Dundee; and several nieces and nephews.

Friends were received at the James B. Mulholland Funeral Home, Church St., Andover, N. Y., where funeral services were held Wednesday, Jan. 7, 1976 at 11 a. m. The Rev. Ray Albaugh, pastor of the Andover United Methodist Church, officiated. Burial was in Hillside Cemetery, Andover.



Allison Baker, a patient in the Jones Memorial Hospital, underwent knee surgery due to injuries sustained in a fall.

Gordon Steadman is convalescing well from his recent discharge from the Jones Memorial Hospital and is at the "Mater Dei" Convalescing Home in Scio, on the Knight Creek Road.

Dr. John Bergerson is a patient in the Jones Memorial Hospital.

Mrs. Grace Eshenbaugh is a patient in the Jones Memorial Hospital.

Duane Comstock is a patient in St. James Mercy Hospital.

Mrs. Irving Whitesell is a patient in the Jones Memorial Hospital.

Mrs. Paul Westbrook, a patient in Jones Memorial Hospital, has been discharged.

Mrs. Donald Sherman, a patient in the Jones Memorial Hospital has been discharged.

Teresa Polmateer, a patient in the Jones Memorial Hospital, has been discharged.

Mrs. Leah Clark is a patient in the St. James Mercy Hospital.

Mrs. Cora Snedeker, a patient in Jones Memorial Hospital has been discharged.

Miss Ruth Taylor, a medical patient in the Bethesda Hospital, Hornell, was discharged Wednesday and is convalescing at the Bishop Home, Main St., in Bolivar, N. Y.

## Telephone Correction

The Telephone Number for Mrs. Mary Burns should be 478-8002.

How about that? So, at this point in time — This was the Year!

In fact, we had a wonderful time for the entire trip, relaxing, eating and eating seafoods, etc., with our host "Chuck" taking a week's vacation so that he could show us around places we hadn't seen before — and of course, making our annual pilgrimage down to the Vieux Carre (French Quarters) and Bourbon Street.

And, would you believe it? No problems on the entire trip! None with the car, motels, restaurants, gendarmes (well, we met this real nice feller in Ohio who asked us to smile since we had been on "candid camera" but he was very polite and after checking our license, suggested that we slow down a little because the next guy might just not give us a warning) and, since this was his road — we did just what the man said! And who knows, maybe his word of warning save our lives? At least we got back home safe and sound — even if it was Monday night at midnight — with the thermometer reading 14 degrees below zero. Did you read that Chuck? 14 below! And you were complaining when it was in the low 50's! 10-4?

## The Mayor's Column

by "Mike" Grace

Christmas is giving and the Andover Central School students engaged in one of the finest activities found throughout the county. Through the Principal's Advisory Committee, which is a group of people formed from the ranks of the Administration, Faculty, and Students, the idea of a "giving activity" for Christmas in lieu of the usual parties was initiated.

Groups of people within the school responded favorably and the program was underway. Creative students with the assistance of Faculty Members developed activities that were oriented to community service in true Christmas spirit. The idea continued to grow and on Friday, December 19, Andover was blessed with such programs as community assistance and a Christmas Dinner served to the Senior Citizens by the students of Andover Central School. Hopefully, a new tradition has been born. Through the leadership and participation of the youth of Andover, the same community spirit that has made the 4th of July Celebration, the Maple Festival, and many more community activities, has once again personified itself. Congratulations to all who participated.

On December 23, an "England Study Tour" from my Alma Mater, Mansfield State College, will be touring England. Included in the itinerary is a visit to Andover England. I could not resist the opportunity to promote international fellowship, and in so doing constructed a letter of "Greetings and Salutations". Included in the small package was a copy of the 1974 History and a copy of the Sesqui-Centennial Book, compliments of our Village Historian, Bessie Mulconery. Jeanne and Ralph Allen contributed souvenirs, a lady's charm, and a plate that were a part of our Sesqui-Centennial Celebration.

## Grange News

Andover Grange will meet Sunday, January 11, 1976 for a business meeting and a tureen dinner at 1 o'clock.

At our Neighbor Night Meeting on December 29, we had 169 in attendance from all Granges represented. And a very enjoyable evening.

Mrs. Winifred Perkins, Lect.

## Sister Dies

Harold Rifenbure received word Christmas Day of the death of his sister, Ruth Chamberlain of North Tonawanda. She had a heart attack and the funeral was held Monday, Dec. 29.

## NOTICE

The combined Administrative Board/Council on Ministries of the Andover United Church will meet on Wednesday, January 14 at 7:45 p. m., in the Church Dining Room.

## Altar Society To Meet Monday January 12

The regular monthly Altar-Rosary Society Monthly Meeting will be held Monday, January 12 with Prayer Service at 7:30 p. m. in the Church, followed by meeting at the Rectory.

## Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Mullen To Be Feted On 25th Anniversary

The children of Gerald and Anna Mullen invite you to be a part of the celebration of their parents 25th Wedding Anniversary on Sunday, the 18th of January, 1976.

Renewing of wedding vows will be held at the West Almond Community Church at 10:00 A.M., with reception at West Greenwood Grange at 2:00 P. M. in the afternoon. Gifts declined just come and share Christian Love.

## Rev. Roger F. Williams

Funeral services and burial for the Rev. Roger F. Williams, 73, of Frankfort, former area minister, who died Monday, December 29, 1975 in Danbury, Conn., were held December 31, 1975 in Frankfort.

A Methodist minister for 46 years, he came to the Geneva Conference in 1955 and served at North Chile and Wayland. His last pastorate was in Andover and Greenwood. He retired in 1966. Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Carolyn Kroner Williams; a son, Roger F. of Ridgefield, Conn. and two sisters, Mrs. Vincent Sullivan and Mrs. Walter Fisher of Hampton, N. H., and three grandchildren.

## '76 Maple Festival Plans Announced By Andover Lions

The Andover Lions Club today announced plans have been made and Committees have been appointed for the 1976 Annual Maple Festival to be held on April 3rd and 4th.

Lion President Dale Green and Past President Leon McNeill are Co-Chairman of this year's Maple Festival and would certainly appreciate new ideas and suggestions for the betterment of the 2-day Festival.

Further plans will be announced in the near future.

## News Briefs of Local Servicemen

Ft. Knox, Ky, Dec. 11 — Army Private Keith C. Freeland, son of Mrs. Lois L. Freeland of 6 First Street, Andover, N. Y., completed on November 27 eight weeks of advanced individual training as an armor reconnaissance specialist at the U. S. Army Armor Center Ft. Knox, Ky.

He received instruction in the use of various kinds of weapons maintenance of armor vehicles, map reading, communications, artillery adjustments, and mines and demolitions.

Pvt. Freeland entered the Army last August. The 19-year-old soldier is a 1975 graduate of Andover Central High School.

Donald Sisson recently enlisted in the Army and left after Christmas for Fort Jackson. His address is:

PFC Donald Sisson  
C-10-2; 3rd Platoon  
Fort Jackson, South Carolina  
29207

## 1975 Report Andover Rescue Squad

January — 9 Runs  
February — 17 Runs  
March — 12 Runs  
April — 11 Runs  
May — 10 Runs  
June — 12 Runs  
July — 14 Runs  
August — 12 Runs  
September — 13 Runs  
October — 16 Runs  
November — 11 Runs  
December — 9 Runs  
Totals — 146 Runs  
Total Man Hours — 518  
Total Miles —  
2-R-9 — 3.047 Miles  
2-R-17 — 1.874 Miles  
4,921 Miles  
JAMES R. HAUGH  
Captain

## OES Notice

The Order of Eastern Star will meet Monday evening, January 12 at 8:00 P.M., at the Masonic Temple. Officers for the coming year will be installed. All officers and members are invited.

Luncheon committee will be Shirley Thorp and Ida Burdick. All officers taking part in installation ceremonies are to wear long dresses.

## Maple Twig News

Monthly meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Kearby Hames, Tuesday, January 13th at 1 p. m.

## Rod & Gun Club To Pick Up Trees Saturday Jan. 10th

The Andover Rod & Gun Club has announced that they are going to continue their program that they started around ten years ago and will pick-up any Christmas Trees that are left along the curbs within the Village of Andover.

The local Sportsmen will start collecting the trees around 9 a. m. Saturday, January 10th and will use these trees to furnish cover for small game in rural areas.

Any landowners that wish small brush piles for conservation of small game are asked to contact Ted Strouse — 478-8172; "Jim" Jackson — 478-8968; or Harold Rice — 478-8896.

Rod & Gun Club members and volunteers with trucks are to meet at the parking lot in back of Sackett's Food Market at 9 a. m. to start in on this program.

Local Boy Scouts are also invited to join Club Members to carry out the project.

## Andover United Methodists Observe 100th Anniversary of Church Building

Sunday, January 4th, the United Methodist Church of Andover had a special service commemorating the 100th Anniversary of their present house of worship.

Mr. Alan Tuttle presented a very interesting history of the development of the building. Copies of this history are being printed for those who expressed real interest in having the history for later reference. There were 110 persons present to share in this Celebration Sunday at which time a Worship-attendance crusade was initiated by a "Fill-A-Pew" Sunday under the leadership of Doris Church and Bessie Mulconery.

Received into membership of the United Methodist Church on Sunday, January 4th were: Mr. and Mrs. William Smith, Elm St. who transferred from Orchard Park United Methodist Church, Orchard Park, N. Y.; and Mr. and Mrs. Duane Cook, who transferred from the East Avenue United Methodist Church, Hornell, N. Y.

Following the Worship Hour, seventy-two persons shared in a fellowship dinner and a time of informal welcome for the new members and others who have recently been received into membership. A beautiful cake specially baked to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of the Methodist in the one located, was served with ice cream for the dessert. Mr. and Mrs. William Conner and Miss Doris Church assisted by Jeanette Horan and Lyla Stephens were in charge of the dinner.

The Attendance Crusade of the United Methodist Church is continuing through January, February and March. Next Sunday, the newly elected officers and leaders of the Church will share in a brief service of consecration at the conclusion of the worship service.

## New Arrivals

Mr. and Mrs. Coy Fanton (Bonita Moline) of Andover, are parents of a son, born Sunday, December 28, 1975 at the St. James Mercy Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Whiting of New Orleans, La., are parents of a 8 lb. 1-oz., son, Scott Charles, born Tuesday, December 9, 1975. Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Whiting are the paternal grandparents and Mrs. Grace Drake is the paternal great-grandmother.

## Annual Meeting Of Andover Free Library

The Annual Meeting of the Andover Free Library will be held at the Library on Friday, January 23, 1976 at 4:00 P. M.

Annual reports will be given and such other business transactions as may come before the meeting. Anyone interested is cordially invited to attend.